

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 774 (Senators Derr and Ferguson)
(Frederick County Senators)

Judicial Proceedings

Frederick County - One Day - One Trial Jury System

This bill provides that in Frederick County, a juror shall receive \$10 expense money plus an additional \$10 expense money if the service of the juror extends past 1:00 p.m. Under current law, jurors in Frederick County receive \$20 expense money per day.

Implementation of the bill is contingent on the establishment of a one day - one trial jury system by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Decrease in expenditures by Frederick County of approximately \$28,750 - \$46,000 annually. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Juror fees are a local expense. The amount budgeted for juror fees by Frederick County is \$115,000 for fiscal 1998. It is estimated that the bill would reduce juror fees by approximately 25-40%. Therefore, the bill would save Frederick County approximately \$28,750 - \$46,000 in juror fees on an annual basis, provided that a one day - one trial jury system is implemented.

Additional Comments: Frederick County advises that it intends to implement a one day - one trial jury system, to be paid for with local funds, and estimates that the start-up costs for

such a system would be approximately \$20,000. It is not anticipated that any additional personnel would be needed.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Frederick County, Department of Legislative Services

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