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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 300 (Senator McFadden. *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Elections - Baltimore City - Compensation of Election Board Members and Election Judges

The bill establishes a minimum annual salary of \$11,000 for the President of the Baltimore City election board and a minimum annual salary of \$10,000 for each election board member. The bill also establishes that each substitute member will earn \$150 for each meeting attended and that chief election judges will earn \$150 and other election judges will earn \$125 for each election day worked.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures could increase by \$59,000 in FY 2001. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: All Baltimore City election board members earn a minimum of \$8,000 annually. Substitute members earn \$100 for each meeting attended. Chief election judges earn \$125 and other election judges earn \$100 for each election day worked.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City expenditures could increase by an estimated \$59,900 in fiscal 2001, which accounts for the bill's October 1, 2000, effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of increasing the minimum salary of the election board members and the increase in the pay for 2000 election judges.

Presidential General Election	\$50,000
Increase in pay for election board members	<u>9,900</u>
Total FY 2001 Baltimore City Expenditures	\$59,900

Baltimore City expenditures would increase by \$9,900 annually for adjustments to the salaries of election board members. The fiscal effect of increases in compensation for election judges depends on the number of elections taking place in each fiscal year. There are no elections in 2002. In fiscal 2003, the State primary and the State general election take place, increasing expenditures by \$100,000; in fiscal 2004, with the Baltimore City primary and general elections as well as the presidential primary, expenditures would increase by \$150,000. In fiscal 2005, expenditures would increase by \$50,00 due to the presidential general election held in November 2004.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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