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FISCAL NOTE  
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House Bill 1148 (Washington County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

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Election Laws - Single County Provisions

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This bill increases the compensation for election judges in Washington County from \$100 to \$125 a day for each chief election judge and from \$80 to \$100 a day for every other judge. This bill also exempts Charles, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties from the prohibition against placing political signs on public property or on private property without permission.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Washington County expenditures would increase by \$7,500 each election day. It is estimated that there will be no or minimal fiscal effect to the counties being exempted from the political advertising regulations.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** A chief election judge earns \$100 for each election day worked and an election judge earns \$80 for each election day worked. Charles, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties are currently under the statute governing outdoor political advertising.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Washington County has 366 election judges, of whom about 35 are chiefs, meaning 331 people will get a \$20 a day raise and 35 people will get a \$25 a day raise for the two election days every other year. Accordingly, Washington County expenditures

would increase by \$7,500 for each election day.

The election cycle will determine in which fiscal year these additional expenditures will be incurred. Fiscal 2001 expenditures will increase by \$7,500 for the presidential election. There will be no change for fiscal 2002, but there will be a \$15,000 expenditure increase in fiscal 2003 to cover the State primary and gubernatorial election. There will be no change in fiscal 2004, but expenditures will increase by \$7,500 in fiscal 2005 to cover the presidential primary.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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