# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2001 Session

#### FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 343 (Charles County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

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### **Charles County - County Commissioners - Salary**

This bill increases the salaries of the County Commissioners of Charles County beginning with their next term of office. The salary for the President of the County Commissioners increases from \$45,000 to \$47,000 on January 1, 2003 and by an additional \$1,000 in each of the next three years. The salaries for the other county commissioners increase from \$35,000 to \$37,000 on January 1, 2003 and by an additional \$1,000 in each of the next three years.

## **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** Charles County expenditures would increase by approximately \$5,800 in FY 2003 and by \$29,100 in FY 2007. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

#### Analysis

**Current Law:** The President of the County Commissioners of Charles County has an annual salary of \$45,000. The other four county commissioners have an annual salary of \$35,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which begins January 2003 for the County Commissioners of Charles County. In Charles County, the term of office for county commissioners are not staggered, accordingly all five members will begin a new term in January 2003.

**Background:** The salaries of the County Commissioners of Charles County were last changed in 1999 when the President's salary was changed from \$39,250 to \$45,000 and the remaining commissioners' salary was changed from \$29,700 to \$35,000 (Chapter 537 of 1997).

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Charles County expenditures will increase by \$5,825 in fiscal 2003 for additional salary and benefits (16.5%), which accounts for the beginning of the next term of office in January 2003. Charles County expenditures will increase by \$14,563 in fiscal 2004, by \$20,388 in fiscal 2005, by \$26,213 in fiscal 2006, and by \$29,125 in fiscal 2007.

## **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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