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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 226 (Delegates Barkley and Vallario)
 Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Circuit Court Clerks - Salary

This bill increases the maximum salary for circuit court clerks from \$75,000 to \$85,000, effective at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures would increase by \$153,397 in FY 2003, due to the December 1, 2002 effective date of anticipated salary increases. Future year increases reflect annualization.

| (in dollars) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
|----------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| GF Expenditure | 0 | 153,397 | 262,966 | 262,966 | 262,966 |
| Net Effect | \$0 | (\$153,397) | (\$262,966) | (\$262,966) | (\$262,966) |

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Circuit court clerks are State employees. The maximum annual salary for a circuit court clerk is \$75,000, as set by the Board of Public Works on the basis of the relative volume of business and receipts in each clerk's office.

State Expenditures: The table below shows the current and projected salaries of the 24 circuit court clerks. This analysis assumes that the Board of Public Works would

increase the salaries of the clerks who currently earn \$75,000 to \$85,000, a 13.33% increase, and increase the salaries of the other clerks by 13.33%.

| <u>Clerk</u> | <u>Current Salary</u> | <u>Projected Salary</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Allegany | \$72,100 | \$81,711 |
| Anne Arundel | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| Baltimore County | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| Baltimore City | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| Calvert | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Caroline | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| Carroll | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Cecil | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Charles | 73,250 | 83,014 |
| Dorchester | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| Frederick | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Garrett | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| Harford | 73,250 | 83,014 |
| Howard | 73,250 | 83,014 |
| Kent | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| Montgomery | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| Prince George's | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| Queen Anne's | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| St. Mary's | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Somerset | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| Talbot | 69,100 | 78,311 |
| Washington | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Wicomico | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Worcester | 72,100 | 81,711 |
| Total | \$1,727,350 | \$1,957,618 |

The total annual salary increase is \$230,268. Including fringe benefits at 14.2%, the total estimated annual cost of the bill is \$262,966. The salary increases would take effect December 1, 2002, the beginning of the next term of office for the elected clerks.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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