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House Bill 608 (Washington County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Washington County - Board of License Commissioners - Members

This bill increases from three to five the number of board members of the Washington County Board of License Commissioners. The bill also provides that no more than three board members can belong to the same political party and that at least one board member have some familiarity or experience with the alcoholic beverages industry prior to the time of appointment.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County expenditures would increase by \$17,000 in FY 2002 and by \$21,800 in FY 2003 for the salaries and expenses of the two new board members. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Washington County Board of License Commissioners consists of three members, of whom no more than two can belong to the same political party. Board members serve for six-year staggered terms. There is no provision requiring at least one board member to have familiarity or experience with the alcoholic beverages industry prior to the time of appointment.

Background: The Chairman of the Washington County Board of License Commissioners earns an annual salary of \$9,850 and other board members earn an annual salary of \$9,600. The three license commissioners are allowed to be reimbursed for job-related expenses. Washington County advises that each board member on average spends only \$1,300 each year on expenses. Washington County advises that the expense account would be increased by \$2,600 to cover expenses for the two new license commissioners. The Washington County Board of License Commissioners is self-funding through license fee and fine revenue. At the end of the fiscal year, any surplus funds are provided to the county's municipalities.

Local Fiscal Effect: Washington County expenditures would increase by \$17,000 in fiscal 2002 for nine months of additional salaries and expenses for the two new board members. Washington County expenditures will increase by \$21,800 in fiscal 2003 and each year thereafter for the full 12 months of additional salaries and expenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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