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House Bill 1039 (Dorchester County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Dorchester County - County Commissioners – Salaries

This bill increases the salaries of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County beginning with their next term of office on January 1, 2003. The salary of the President of the County Commissioners increases from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and the salaries of the other county commissioners increase from \$12,000 to \$14,000. The bill also repeals the prohibition that a county commissioner may not receive any other compensation except for expenses incurred in performance of the duties of office.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Dorchester County expenditures would increase by \$7,300 in FY 2003 and by \$14,600 in FY 2004 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The County Commissioners of Dorchester County earn an annual salary of \$12,000. 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 Dorchester County. In Dorchester County, the term of office for the county commissioners are not staggered, accordingly all five members will begin a new term in

January 2003. County commissioners may not receive any other compensation except for expenses incurred in performance of the duties of office.

Background: The salaries of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County have not changed since 1991 when the salaries were increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 (Chapter 86 of 1989).

Local Fiscal Effect: Dorchester County expenditures will increase by \$7,320 in fiscal 2003 for additional salary and fringe benefits (33%), which accounts for the beginning of the next term in January 2003. Dorchester County expenditures will increase by \$14,630 in fiscal 2004 and each year thereafter.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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