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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 99 (Senator Baker)
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: HB226 (Delegates Barkley and Vallario) – Judiciary.

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