

Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 251

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

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St. Mary's County - Public Officials - Salaries

This bill increases the annual salaries of officials in St. Mary's County, as follows:

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Salary</u>
County Commissioner (President)	\$27,000	\$32,000
County Commissioners	\$21,000	\$27,000
Sheriff	\$50,000	\$68,000
County Treasurer	\$36,000	\$42,000
Orphan's Court – Judges	\$3,000	\$4,000

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures would increase by \$36,400 in FY 2003 and by \$72,800 in FY 2004 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office. In St. Mary's County, the term of office for county commissioners are not staggered, accordingly all five members will begin a new term in

January 2003. The Sheriff, the County Treasurer, and the Orphans' Court judges all begin new terms in January 2003.

Background: The salaries of the County Commissioners were last changed in 1994 (Chapter 181 of 1990) when the salary for the president was established at \$27,000 and the salaries of the other commissioners were set at \$21,000. The salaries of the Sheriff, County Treasurer, and Orphans' Court judges were last changed in 1999 (Chapter 316 of 1998). The salary of the Sheriff was increased from \$48,000 to \$50,000, the salary of the County Treasurer was increased from \$29,000 to \$36,000, and the salaries of the three Orphans' Court judges were increased from \$2,400 to \$3,000.

Local Fiscal Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures would increase by \$36,400 in fiscal 2003 which accounts for additional salary (\$28,000) and fringe benefits (\$8,400). This reflects salary adjustments for a six-month period (January 2003 -- June 2003). Beginning in fiscal 2004, county expenditures would increase by \$72,800 which reflects annualization. **Exhibit 1** shows the fiscal impact by position.

Exhibit 1

<u>Position</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>			<u>Annualization</u>		
	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
County Commissioner (President)	\$2,500	\$750	\$3,250	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$6,500
County Commissioners	12,000	3,600	15,600	24,000	7,200	31,200
Sheriff	9,000	2,700	11,700	18,000	5,400	23,400
County Treasurer	3,000	900	3,900	6,000	1,800	7,800
Orphan's Court Judges	1,500	450	1,950	3,000	900	3,900
Total	\$28,000	\$8,400	\$36,400	\$56,000	\$16,800	\$72,800

*Benefits calculated at 30% of salary which was the information provided by the county.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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