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Senate Bill 252

(Senator McFadden)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Baltimore City - Sheriff - Salary

This bill increases the salary of the sheriff of Baltimore City from \$70,000 to \$72,000 in calendar 2004 and 2005, and to \$74,000 in calendar 2006 and each year thereafter.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State retirement expenditures would increase by \$57 in FY 2004 and by \$230 in FY 2007 and each year thereafter.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures would increase by \$1,000 in FY 2004 and by \$4,000 in FY 2007 and each year thereafter.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current salary for the sheriff of Baltimore City is \$70,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect in the next term of office which begins after the November 2002 election for the sheriff of Baltimore City.

Background: The salary of the sheriff of Baltimore City was last changed in 1999 (Chapter 369 of 1998). The sheriff's salary was increased from \$56,000 to \$62,000 in calendar 1999, \$64,000 in calendar 2000, \$67,000 in calendar 2001, and \$70,000 in calendar 2002. The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office is primarily responsible for serving civil process, providing court security, and transporting prisoners.

State Fiscal Effect: The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the sheriff of Baltimore City. Based on the State's fiscal 2003 contribution rate of 5.74% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$57 in fiscal 2004 which reflects the State's contribution for the six months of fiscal 2004 after the new salary becomes effective. Future pension expenditure increases would be \$115 in fiscal 2005, \$172 in fiscal 2006, and \$230 in fiscal 2007 and each year thereafter.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City expenditures would increase by \$1,000 in fiscal 2004 for additional salary expenses which accounts for a six-month period (January 2004-June 2004). Baltimore City expenditures for additional salary would increase by \$2,000 in fiscal 2005, by \$3,000 in fiscal 2006, and by \$4,000 in fiscal 2007 and each year thereafter. Baltimore City assumes a flat amount of \$5,000 for fringe benefits. Since the sheriff of Baltimore City is a current employee, fringe benefits are not altered.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A bill that would have raised the Baltimore City sheriff's salary to \$89,000 was introduced in the 2001 session as SB 734. The bill was withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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