

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 257 (The Speaker) (Governor’s Salary Commission)
 Appropriations

Constitutional Officers - Salary

This bill implements the salary recommendations of the Governor’s Salary Commission for the Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State for the next following term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditure increase of \$25,200 for salaries and fringe benefits in FY 2003, increasing to \$100,300 in FY 2007. Future years reflect annualization and statutory salary increases.

(in dollars)	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	25,200	58,800	75,400	92,000	100,300
Net Effect	(\$25,200)	(\$58,800)	(\$75,400)	(\$92,000)	(\$100,300)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill would establish, in statute, the salaries of the Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State for each year of the next four-year term as follows:

<u>Year of Term</u>	<u>Treasurer, Comptroller, and Attorney General</u>	<u>% Change from Current Salary</u>	<u>Secretary of State</u>	<u>% Change from Current Salary</u>
First	\$112,500	12.5	\$78,750	12.5
Second	\$116,667	16.7	\$81,667	16.7
Third	\$120,833	20.8	\$84,583	20.8
Fourth	\$125,000	25.0	\$87,500	25.0

Current Law: The salaries of the four constitutional officers: Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State are not established in statute, but are as provided for in the State budget. The current salaries, as provided in the Governor's fiscal 2003 budget, are: \$100,000 per year for the Treasurer, Comptroller, and Attorney General; and \$70,000 per year for the Secretary of State.

Background: The Governor's Salary Commission was created by a constitutional amendment in 1976. The commission is to make a written recommendation to the Governor on the salaries for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor within ten days after the beginning of the last regular legislative session of the term. The commission cannot recommend salary changes for the incumbent Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The commission's recommendation is to be introduced as a joint resolution in each House of the General Assembly no later than the fifteenth day of the session. If the commission recommends no change in the salaries, a resolution is not introduced.

Beginning with the 1981 Governor's Salary Commission, the commission has made recommendations, per the Governor's request, on salaries for four constitutional officers: State Treasurer, Comptroller of the Treasury, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. Governor Glendening requested that the 2001 Governor's Salary Commission review, and provide guidance on, the salaries of the constitutional officers.

In 1990 the joint resolution containing the recommendations of the 1989 Governor's Salary Commission was amended to provide the current statutory salaries for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. The salaries currently provided in the State budget for the Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State reflect the recommendations of the 1989 Governor's Salary Commission as amended in the 1990 joint resolution.

The *Report of the 2001 Governor's Salary Commission*, published in January 2002, contains appendices showing the salaries and rankings for each of the constitutional officers in all 50 states. The rankings for Maryland by constitutional office based on current salaries are as follows:

Constitutional Office

Ranking

Treasurer	8
Comptroller	9
Attorney General	16
Secretary of State	30

State Fiscal Effect: General fund expenditures will increase by \$25,200 in fiscal 2003 for salaries and fringe benefits reflecting the effective date of the start of the next term of office. This amount will grow in future years, reflecting annualization and the statutory salary increases, to \$100,300 in fiscal 2007.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 203 (The Speaker) (Governor's Salary Commission) – Budget and Taxation.

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