

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 328

(Calvert County Delegation)

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**Calvert County - County Officials - Salaries**

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This bill increases the annual salaries of officials in Calvert County, as follows:

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Salary</u>
County Commissioner President	\$32,500	\$37,500
County Commissioners	\$30,000	\$35,000
Sheriff	\$51,000	\$57,000
County Treasurer	\$37,000	\$44,000
Orphans' Court – Chief Judge	\$5,200	\$7,200
Orphans' Court – Judges	\$5,000	\$7,000

The bill also specifies annual raises for each position through calendar 2005; \$1,000 for the county commissioners, \$2,500 for the sheriff, \$500 for the county treasurer, and \$250 for the orphan's court judges.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Calvert County expenditures would increase by \$36,200 in FY 2003 and by \$90,600 in FY 2006 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office. In Calvert County, the term of office for county commissioners are not staggered, meaning all five members will begin a new term in mid-December 2002. The sheriff, the county treasurer, and the orphans' court judges all begin new terms in mid-December 2002.

**Background:** The salaries of the county commissioners, sheriff, and the orphans' court judges were last changed in 1998 (Chapter 100 of 1997). The salary of the president of the county commissioners was increased from \$27,500 to \$32,500 and the salaries of the other commissioners were increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The salary of the sheriff was increased from \$48,000 to \$51,000. The salary of the chief judge of the orphans' Court was increased from \$4,700 to \$5,200 and the salaries of the other two judges were increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000. The salary of the county treasurer was last changed in 1994 (Chapter 292 of 1994) when the salary was increased from \$31,000 to \$37,000.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Calvert County expenditures will increase by \$36,209 in fiscal 2003, which accounts for additional salaries (\$28,069) and fringe benefits (\$8,140) for all officers. This reflects a six-and-a-half month period (mid-December 2002 - June 2003) for raises granted in calendar 2002 and 2003. In fiscal 2004 county expenditures will increase by \$73,691, by \$84,979 in fiscal 2005, and by \$90,623 in fiscal 2006 and each year thereafter.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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