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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1444

(Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)

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Dorchester County - Sheriff - Salary

This bill increases the salary of the Dorchester County Sheriff from \$45,000 to \$62,500 for calendar 2006. A \$1,000 annual salary increase is provided until the sheriff's salary is set at \$65,500 for calendar 2009 and each year thereafter.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: State retirement expenditures would increase by \$440 in FY 2007 and by \$970 in FY 2010 and each year thereafter.

Local Effect: Dorchester County expenditures would increase by \$13,500 in FY 2007 and by \$29,800 in FY 2010 and each year thereafter. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current salary of the Dorchester County Sheriff is \$45,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is January 2007 for the Dorchester County Sheriff.

Background: The salary of the Dorchester County Sheriff was last changed in 1995 by Chapter 191 of 1994 when the salary was increased from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

State Fiscal Effect: The State is responsible for making the retirement contributions for the Dorchester County Sheriff. Based on the State's fiscal 2005 contribution rate of

4.73% of salary, expenditures would increase by \$438 in fiscal 2007 which reflects the State's contribution for the six months of fiscal 2007 after the new salary becomes effective. Future pension expenditure increases would be \$970 annually beginning in fiscal 2010.

Local Fiscal Effect: The next term of office begins in January 2007 when the salary of \$63,500 takes effect. Accordingly, Dorchester County expenditures would increase by \$13,451 in fiscal 2007 for additional salary (\$9,250) and fringe benefits (\$4,201). This reflects salary adjustments for a six-month period (January 2007 through June 2007). Dorchester County expenditures for additional salary and fringe benefits would increase by \$29,811 beginning in fiscal 2010 and each year thereafter.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 672 is identified as a cross file; however, it is not similar.

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