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House Bill 572

(Cecil County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Cecil County - Salary of the Sheriff

This bill increases the salary of the Cecil County Sheriff from \$54,000 to \$64,000 for calendar 2007. A \$2,500 annual salary increase is provided until the sheriff's salary reaches \$71,500 in calendar 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Cecil County expenditures would increase by approximately \$6,500 in FY 2007 and by \$22,700 in FY 2011. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The salary of the Cecil County Sheriff is \$53,000 for calendar 2005 and \$54,000 for calendar 2006. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is January 2007 for the Cecil County Sheriff.

Background: The salary of the Cecil County Sheriff was last changed in calendar 2003 by Chapter 91 of 2002 which increased the salary from \$47,000 to \$50,000 for calendar 2003, and by \$1,500 annually for calendar 2004 and 2005, and by \$1,000 for calendar 2006 when the salary will reach \$54,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the current salaries for the sheriffs of Eastern Shore counties.

Exhibit 1
Current Sheriffs' Salaries for Eastern Shore Counties

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>July 2003 Population</u>	<u>Salary Amount</u>
Caroline	30,861	\$55,000
Cecil ¹	92,746	53,000
Dorchester ²	30,612	45,000
Kent ¹	19,680	52,000
Queen Anne's	44,108	53,000
Somerset	25,447	48,100
Talbot	34,670	62,424
Wicomico	87,375	80,000
Worcester	49,604	65,000

¹Salary increases to \$54,000 in calendar 2006.

²Salary increases to \$62,000 in calendar 2006.

Local Fiscal Effect: Cecil County expenditures in fiscal 2007, for the six-month period between January and June 2007, would increase by \$6,480 for salary (\$5,000), benefits (\$610), and pension (\$870), assuming a contribution rate of 12.2% for benefits and 17.4% for pension. Future year expenditures would increase by \$14,580 in fiscal 2008 and by \$22,680 in fiscal 2011. **Exhibit 2** shows the annual increase in compensation cost for fiscal 2007 through 2011, assuming constant contribution rates.

Exhibit 2
Annual Increase in Cecil County Sheriff's Compensation
Fiscal 2007 – 2011

<u>Fiscal</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Salary</u> <u>Increase</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Pension</u>	<u>Total</u>
2007	\$5,000	\$610	\$870	\$6,480
2008	11,250	1,373	1,958	14,580
2009	13,750	1,678	2,393	17,820
2010	16,250	1,983	2,828	21,060
2011	17,500	2,135	3,045	22,680

Numbers may not compute due to rounding.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 452 (Cecil County Senators) – Judicial Proceedings.

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