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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 100

(Delegate Elmore)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Somerset County - State's Attorney - Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Somerset County State's Attorney from \$91,100 to \$98,000, beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Somerset County personnel expenditures would increase by approximately \$4,800 in FY 2007 and by \$8,200 annually beginning in FY 2008. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current annual salary of the Somerset County State's Attorney is \$91,100. Salary adjustments for local officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Somerset County State's Attorney is December 2006.

Background: The salary of the Somerset County State's Attorney was last changed by Chapter 262 of 2001, when it increased from \$79,200 to \$91,100. **Exhibit 1** shows the annual salaries for State's Attorneys in selected Eastern Shore counties.

Exhibit 1
State's Attorneys' Salaries for Selected Eastern Shore Counties
Fiscal 2005 Actuals

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caroline	31,058	\$89,802
Dorchester	30,912	89,802
Somerset	25,863	91,100
Talbot	35,017	89,802
Wicomico	88,782	101,027
Worcester	48,974	101,027

Source: *Compensation Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2005*, Institute for Governmental Service, University of Maryland

Local Fiscal Effect: Somerset County personnel expenditures for increasing the State's Attorney's salary would increase by \$4,807 for salary (\$4,025) and fringe benefits (\$782) in fiscal 2007, reflecting the seven-month period from December 2006 through June 2007. Annualized personnel expenditures would be \$8,240 for salary (\$6,900) and fringe benefits (\$1,340). The estimate assumes a constant fringe benefits contribution rate of 19.42% as advised by the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Somerset County, *Compensation Survey of Maryland Local Governments, FY 2005* (Institute for Governmental Service, University of Maryland), Department of Legislative Services

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