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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 92

(Delegate Elmore)

Environmental Matters

Judicial Proceedings

Somerset County - Sheriff - Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Somerset County Sheriff from \$48,100 to \$60,000, beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Somerset County personnel expenditures would increase by approximately \$8,300 in FY 2007 and by \$14,200 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 Sheriff is \$48,100. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Somerset County Sheriff is December 2006.

Background: The salary of the Somerset County Sheriff was last changed by Chapter 262 of 2001, when it increased from \$41,800 to \$48,100. **Exhibit 1** shows the actual fiscal 2005 salaries for sheriffs in selected Eastern Shore counties.

Exhibit 1
Sheriffs' Salaries for Selected Eastern Shore Counties
Fiscal 2005 Actuals

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caroline	31,058	\$55,000
Dorchester	30,912	45,000
Somerset	25,863	48,100
Talbot	35,017	61,200
Wicomico	88,782	80,000
Worcester	48,974	65,000

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 sheriff's salary would increase by \$8,290 for salary (\$6,942) and fringe benefits (\$1,348) in fiscal 2007, reflecting the seven-month period from December 2006 through June 2007. Annualized expenditures would increase by \$14,211 for salary (\$11,900) and fringe benefits (\$2,311) beginning in fiscal 2008. This estimate assumes a constant fringe benefits 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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