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Senate Bill 903

(Senators Miller and Dyson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Calvert County - County Officials - Salaries

This bill increases the salaries of the following public officials in Calvert County: president and members of the board of county commissioners, county treasurer, sheriff, and chief judge and judges of the orphans' court.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert County expenditures would increase by \$21,300 in FY 2007 and by \$67,300 in FY 2010 for increased salary and benefits for county officials. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Salary changes for Calvert County public officials included in the bill are shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Current Law: Salary changes for public officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for all of the public officials covered by the bill is December 19, 2006. There are five county commissioners, including the president, and two judges and one chief judge on the orphans' court.

Background: The salaries for the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), treasurer, sheriff, and orphans' court judges were last increased by Chapter 58 of 2002. The BOCC president's salary increased from \$32,500 to \$37,500 for calendar 2002 and by \$1,000 annually through calendar 2005; and the commissioners' salaries increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000 for calendar 2002 and by \$1,000 annually through calendar 2005.

The treasurer's salary increased from \$37,000 to \$44,000 for calendar 2002 and by \$500 annually through calendar 2005; and the sheriff's salary increased from \$51,000 to \$57,000 for calendar 2002 and by \$2,500 annually through calendar 2005.

The salary of the chief judge of the orphans' court increased from \$5,200 to \$7,200 for calendar 2002 and the salaries of the orphans' court judges increased from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for calendar 2002; salaries for both the chief judge and the judges of the orphans' court increased by \$250 annually through calendar 2005.

Local Fiscal Effect: Calvert County expenditures would increase by \$21,344 in fiscal 2007 and by \$67,320 in fiscal 2010 for increased salary and benefits for county officials included in this bill. Included in this total is the employer contribution rate for fringe benefits of 32% as advised by the county. **Exhibit 2** shows the breakdown of the increase in compensation for each position, and **Exhibit 3** shows the total compensation increase for all public officials included in the bill. This estimate assumes that the employer contribution rate for fringe benefits remains constant. Furthermore, the estimate assumes that the calendar 2006 salary increases would be prorated for the period between December 19, 2006 (the date the new term of office begins) and January 1, 2007.

Additional Information

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Exhibit 1
Proposed Salary Changes for Calvert County Officials

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Increase</u>
BOCC – President	Current	\$40,500	
	2006	41,500	\$1,000
	2007	42,500	2,000
	2008	43,500	3,000
	2009	44,500	4,000
BOCC – Member	Current	\$38,000	
	2006	39,000	\$1,000
	2007	40,000	2,000
	2008	41,000	3,000
	2009	42,000	4,000
Treasurer	Current	\$45,500	
	2006	46,875	\$1,375
	2007	48,250	2,750
	2008	49,625	4,125
	2009	51,000	5,500
Sheriff	Current	\$64,500	
	2006	78,000	\$13,500
	2007	81,000	16,500
	2008	84,000	19,500
	2009	87,000	22,500
Orphan’s Court – Chief Judge	Current	\$7,950	
	2006	8,200	\$250
	2007	8,450	500
	2008	8,700	750
	2009	8,950	1,000
Orphan’s Court – Judge	Current	\$7,750	
	2006	8,000	\$250
	2007	8,250	500
	2008	8,500	750
	2009	8,750	1,000

Note: Salaries for local officials do not take effect until the beginning of the next term of office, which for all of the above officials is December 18, 2006.

Exhibit 2
Compensation Changes for Calvert County Officials
Fiscal 2007 - 2011

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Salary Increase</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
BOCC – President	2007	\$1,038	\$332	\$1,371
	2008	2,500	800	3,300
	2009	3,500	1,120	4,620
	2010	4,000	1,280	5,280
	2011	4,000	1,280	5,280
BOCC – Member	2007	\$1,038	\$332	\$1,371
	2008	2,500	800	3,300
	2009	3,500	1,120	4,620
	2010	4,000	1,280	5,280
	2011	4,000	1,280	5,280
Treasurer	2007	\$1,428	\$457	\$1,885
	2008	3,438	1,100	4,538
	2009	4,813	1,540	6,353
	2010	5,500	1,760	7,260
	2011	5,500	1,760	7,260
Sheriff	2007	\$8,769	\$2,806	\$11,575
	2008	18,000	5,760	23,760
	2009	21,000	6,720	27,720
	2010	22,500	7,200	29,700
	2011	22,500	7,200	29,700
Orphan’s Court – Chief	2007	\$260	\$83	\$343
	2008	625	200	825
	2009	875	280	1,155
	2010	1,000	320	1,320
	2011	1,000	320	1,320
Orphan’s Court – Judge	2007	\$260	\$83	\$343
	2008	625	200	825
	2009	875	280	1,155
	2010	1,000	320	1,320
	2011	1,000	320	1,320

Exhibit 3
Calvert County Public Officials - Total Compensation Increase
Fiscal 2007 - 2011

<u>Public Official</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>
BOCC – President	\$1,371	\$3,300	\$4,620	\$5,280	\$5,280
BOCC – Members (4)	5,484	13,200	18,480	21,120	21,120
Treasurer	1,885	4,538	6,353	7,260	7,260
Sheriff	11,575	23,760	27,720	29,700	29,700
Orphan’s Court – Chief Judge	343	825	1,155	1,320	1,320
Orphan’s Court – Judges (2)	686	1,650	2,310	2,640	2,640
Total	\$21,344	\$47,273	\$60,638	\$67,320	\$67,320
