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House Bill 96

(Delegate Elmore)

Environmental Matters

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Somerset County - Treasurer - Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Somerset County Treasurer from \$44,300 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 \$10,600 in FY 2007. Annualized personnel expenditures would increase by approximately \$18,100 beginning in FY 2008. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current annual salary of the Somerset County Treasurer is \$44,300. Salary adjustments for local officials take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which for the Somerset County Treasurer is December 2006.

Background: The salary of the Somerset County Treasurer was last changed by Chapter 262 of 2001, when it increased from \$38,500 to \$44,300. **Exhibit 1** shows the salaries for treasurers of selected Eastern Shore counties.

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

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caroline	31,058	\$45,000
Dorchester	30,912	37,500
Somerset	25,863	44,300

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

Local Fiscal Effect: Somerset County personnel expenditures in fiscal 2007 would increase by \$10,554 for salary (\$9,158) and fringe benefits (\$1,396), reflecting the seven-month period from December 2006 through June 2007. Annualized expenditures would increase by \$18,093 for salary (\$15,700) and fringe benefits (\$2,393) beginning in fiscal 2008. This estimate assumes a constant fringe benefits rate of 15.24% 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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