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Senate Bill 813

(Senator Colburn)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Dorchester County - Appointment of Members of Fire Companies as Deputy Sheriffs

This bill includes Dorchester County in the list of counties where the sheriff may appoint members of fire companies as deputy sheriffs to exercise the powers of deputy sheriffs at fires and while going to and from fires. The bill also adds Dorchester County to the list of counties in which the commanding officer of a fire or ambulance company may designate 12 members of the company to be deputy sheriffs to perform the duties of deputy sheriffs at specified events.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The authorizations provided under the bill could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The sheriff of Baltimore, Caroline, Cecil, Queen Anne's, and Washington counties may appoint, as specified, deputy sheriff members of fire companies to exercise the powers of deputy sheriffs at fires and while going to or from fires. In Washington County, such a deputy sheriff has the powers necessary to perform the duties of a deputy sheriff while going to, functioning at, or returning from fires, accidents, floods, other emergencies, or other functions conducted by a fire company.

Such a deputy sheriff is deemed an appointed official and must be treated as an appointed official for purposes of provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article governing Employees' and Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems.

The commanding officer of a fire or ambulance company in Allegany, Carroll, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties may designate 12 members of the company to be deputy sheriffs to perform the duties of deputy sheriffs while functioning at parades, accidents, floods, other emergencies, or public events conducted by or under the auspices of the fire company or the sheriff's department.

Additional Information

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