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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 145

(Delegate Elmore)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

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 \$9,100 in FY 2011, and by \$18,200 annually beginning in FY 2012. 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 January 2011.

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

Exhibit 1
Salaries of Elected Treasurers of Eastern Shore Counties
Calendar 2007

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caroline ¹	31,822	\$55,000
Cecil	97,796	66,250
Dorchester	31,401	37,500
Kent	19,899	58,000
Somerset	25,845	44,300

Note: ¹Salary is effective July 2007.

Source: Department of Legislative Services

Local Fiscal Effect: Somerset County personnel expenditures in fiscal 2011 would increase by \$9,112 for salary (\$7,850) and fringe benefits (\$1,262), reflecting the six-month period from January through June 2011. Annualized expenditures would increase by \$18,223 for salary (\$15,700) and fringe benefits (\$2,523) beginning in fiscal 2012. This estimate assumes a constant employer contribution rate for fringe benefits of 16.07% as advised by the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: This bill was introduced as HB 96 during the 2006 session. It passed the House, received a favorable report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and passed the Senate on second reading. No further action was taken, however.

Cross File: SB 202 (Senator Stolfus) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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