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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 751 (Senator Dyson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

St. Mary's County Board of Elections - Salary

This bill increases the minimum salary amount of regular members of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections from \$800 to \$3,600.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008. The salary provisions take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures could increase minimally in FY 2011 and by \$3,600 annually thereafter, due to increased salaries of the regular members of the board of elections. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each county generally has a local board of elections made up of three regular members and two substitute members (the Prince George's County board consists of five regular members and three substitute members). Two of the regular members and one substitute member must be affiliated with the majority party and the remaining members with the principal minority party. Members are generally nominated by the majority and principal minority party county central committees and appointed by the Governor, subject to legislative confirmation. If a member of a local board dies, resigns,

is removed, or becomes ineligible, the substitute member belonging to the same political party becomes a regular member of the local board and a new substitute member is appointed.

Board member terms are four years and begin on the first Monday in June of each year following a gubernatorial election.

Board member salary amounts are as provided for in each county's budget, though minimum salary amounts for board members in various counties are set in statute. The minimum salary amount for regular members of the St. Mary's County Board of Elections is \$800.

Local Fiscal Effect: St. Mary's County expenditures could increase minimally in fiscal 2011 and by \$3,600 annually thereafter, due to the increased salaries of the three regular members of the board of elections, who are currently paid \$2,400 annually. This reflects the difference between the current budgeted salaries and the minimum salary of regular board members set by the bill. This also assumes the salaries of the regular members of the board of elections would not otherwise increase prior to June 2011. The minimal expenditure increase in fiscal 2011 reflects the portion of June 2011 in which the salary increases would be in effect (the next term of the board will begin in June 2011).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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