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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 22

(Senators Colburn and Pipkin)

Judicial Proceedings

Environmental Matters

Caroline County - Sheriff's Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Caroline County Sheriff from \$65,000 to \$80,000, beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Caroline County expenditures increase by \$12,900 in FY 2011 and by \$22,800 annually beginning in FY 2012. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current annual salary of the Caroline County Sheriff is \$65,000. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which is December 7, 2010, for the Caroline County Sheriff.

Background: The salary of the Caroline County Sheriff was last changed by Chapter 527 of 2005, when it increased from \$55,000 to \$65,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the actual fiscal 2008 salaries for sheriffs in Eastern Shore counties.

Exhibit 1
Sheriffs' Salaries for Eastern Shore Counties
Fiscal 2008 Actuals

<u>County</u>	<u>2007 Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caroline	32,910	\$65,000
Cecil	99,695	66,500
Dorchester	31,846	64,500
Kent	19,987	66,500
Queen Anne's	46,571	53,000
Somerset	26,016	60,000
Talbot	36,193	76,500
Wicomico	93,600	85,000
Worcester	49,374	85,000
Average	48,466	\$69,111

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and *Salary Survey of Maryland County Government, Fiscal 2008*, Maryland Association of Counties

Local Fiscal Effect: Caroline County personnel expenditures increase by \$12,868 in fiscal 2011 for salary (\$8,466) and fringe benefits (\$4,402). This reflects the December 7, 2010, start date for the next term of office. Annualized expenditures increase by \$22,800 for salary (\$15,000) and fringe benefits (\$7,800) beginning in fiscal 2012. This assumes a constant fringe benefits rate of 52% as advised by the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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