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House Bill 1219

(Washington County Delegation)

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Washington County - Sheriff - Salary

This bill increases the annual salary of the Washington County Sheriff from \$80,000 to \$88,000 beginning with the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County expenditures will increase by \$6,100 in FY 2011 and by \$10,400 beginning in FY 2012. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current annual salary of the Washington County Sheriff is \$80,000, as set by State law. Salary adjustments for constitutional officers take effect at the beginning of the next term of office, which will be approximately December 1, 2010, for the Washington County Sheriff.

Background: The salary of the Washington County Sheriff was last changed by Chapter 74 of 2005, when it increased from \$67,500 to \$80,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the actual fiscal 2008 salaries for sheriffs in selected counties.

Exhibit 1
Sheriffs' Salaries for Selected Counties
Fiscal 2008 Actuals

<u>County</u>	<u>2007 Population</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Allegany	72,594	\$56,000
Carroll	169,220	72,964
Frederick	224,705	100,000
Garrett	29,627	75,000
Washington	145,113	80,000
Average	128,252	\$76,793

Source: *Salary Survey of Maryland County Government, FY 2008*, Maryland Association of Counties

Local Expenditures: The next term of office for the Washington County Sheriff begins approximately December 1, 2010. Accordingly, Washington County personnel expenditures increase by \$6,067 in fiscal 2011 for salary (\$4,667) and fringe benefits (\$1,400). This reflects salary adjustments for a seven-month period (December 2010 through June 2011). Washington County expenditures increase by \$10,400 annually beginning in fiscal 2012 for salary (\$8,000) and fringe benefits (\$2,400), assuming a constant fringe benefits rate of 30% as advised by the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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