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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 143

(Delegate Beitzel)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Garrett County - Salary Study Commission - Membership**

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This bill alters the membership of the Garrett County Salary Study Commission by substituting a member of the Garrett County League of Women Voters with a member of the Garrett County Mayors Association.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not affect Garrett County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Garrett County Salary Study Commission consists of seven members, including: (1) one member from the Garrett County Republican Central Committee; (2) one member from the Garrett County Democrat Central Committee; (3) one member from the Garrett County League of Women Voters; (4) one member from the Garrett County Chamber of Commerce; (5) one member from the Garrett County Farm Bureau; (6) one member from the Garrett County Advisory Committee on Education; and (7) one member from the Garrett County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

**Background:** The Salary Study Commission is required to study the salaries of the: (1) County Commissioners; (2) Board of Education; (3) Board of Supervisors of Elections; (4) Judges of the Orphans' Court; (5) Liquor Control Board; and (6) Sheriff.

The commission may recommend to the County Commissioners an increase or decrease in the salary of the State's Attorney, or any office it is required to study. The commission must report its recommendations to the County Commissioners by June 30 of every fourth year beginning after June 30, 1997. Within 45 days after receiving the recommendations of the commission, the County Commissioners must set by ordinance the salary for each office included in the recommendations, to the extent the recommendations are accepted. The County Commissioners may accept, reduce or reject but may not increase the recommendations of the commission.

Garrett County reports there is not a local chapter of the League of Women Voters currently operating in the county.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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