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Senate Bill 304

(Senators Miller and Dyson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Ways and Means

Calvert County - Election Judges - Compensation

This bill increases the compensation for election judges in Calvert County for each election day or early voting day actually served from \$125 per day to \$200 per day for each chief election judge and from \$100 per day to \$175 per day for every other election judge. The increase in compensation takes effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert County expenditures increase by \$23,250 annually beginning in FY 2014, reflecting increased election judge staffing costs for the 2014 primary election and future elections.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Calvert County, the compensation for election judges for each election day or early voting day actually served is \$125 per day for each chief election judge and \$100 per day for every other election judge. An election judge is appointed to a term of office that begins on the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before a statewide primary election and continues until the Tuesday that is 13 weeks before the next statewide primary election unless the local board excuses the person for good cause or a special election is held during the election judge's term of office and the State Board of Elections

determines that a local board may not need the service of all of the appointed election judges.

Background: Election judges administer voting procedures in an assigned precinct or early voting center. An individual must be age 17 or older and registered to vote in the State to be an election judge. The amount election judges are paid varies by county.

Local Fiscal Effect: Calvert County expenditures increase by \$23,250 annually beginning in fiscal 2014, reflecting increased election judge staffing costs for the 2014 primary election and future elections. This estimate assumes:

- 2 precincts are added in Calvert County for the 2014 elections so that there would be 25 precincts in the county;
- 10 election judges are assigned to each precinct;
- 10 election judges are assigned to the county's early voting center each day; and
- an early voting period of six days, similar to past elections, would be established for future elections absent a change in the law (with election judges being paid for each day worked).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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