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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 655 (Senator Simonaire)
Judicial Proceedings

Anne Arundel County - State's Attorney - Annual Salary

This bill alters the method by which the salary for the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney is set by establishing that, beginning on January 1, 2015, a provision increasing the salary by 3% each calendar year is subject to approval by the county.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal decrease in salary expenditures for Anne Arundel County beginning in FY 2015.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Chapter 168 of 2000 (HB 1114) established that for calendar 2003, the salary of the State's Attorney in Anne Arundel County was to be equal to the salary of a circuit court judge as of December 31, 2002. In each calendar year thereafter, the salary increases by 3%. Pursuant to current law, the calendar 2013 salary for the Anne Arundel State's Attorney is \$160,729. **Exhibit 1** shows the salary for the State's Attorney in each county.

Senate Joint Resolution 3 of 2012 established the following salaries for circuit court judges: (1) \$144,908 in fiscal 2014; (2) 149,600 in fiscal 2015; and (3) \$154,433 in fiscal 2016. Until the salary raises established in 2012, judicial salaries had not increased since fiscal 2009.

Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution prohibits the salary or compensation of any public officer from being increased or diminished during the individual's term of office, except those whose full term is fixed by law in excess of four years.

Exhibit 1
State's Attorney Salary
Fiscal 2013

<u>County</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Allegany	\$114,527
Anne Arundel	160,729
Baltimore City	238,772
Baltimore	196,219
Calvert	114,527
Caroline	101,801
Carroll	101,802
Cecil	120,889
Charles	140,352
Dorchester	101,802
Frederick	140,351
Garrett	101,802
Harford	110,127
Howard	127,252
Kent	101,802
Montgomery	199,000
Prince George's	150,000
Queen Anne's	127,252
St. Mary's	114,526
Somerset	98,000
Talbot	101,802
Washington	114,527
Wicomico	114,527
Worcester	114,527

Source: Maryland Association of Counties

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures decrease minimally beginning in fiscal 2015 to the extent the county elects not to approve an additional 3% salary increase for the State's Attorney. Should the salary increase not be approved on January 1, 2015, expenditures decrease by \$2,500 in fiscal 2015. Expenditures decrease by approximately \$5,000 annually thereafter in any year in which the salary increase is not approved.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1022 (Delegate McConkey) - Environmental Matters.

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