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House Bill 574 (Carroll County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Carroll County - Sheriff's Salary

This bill increases the salary of the Carroll County Sheriff as follows: (1) beginning December 4, 2018, the salary is increased from \$90,000 to \$100,000; and (2) beginning December 3, 2019, the salary is increased to \$110,000. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary increase takes effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: County expenditures increase by approximately \$7,000 in FY 2019, by approximately \$14,000 in FY 2020, and by approximately \$24,000 annually thereafter. Local revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Carroll County Sheriff receives an annual salary of \$90,000. **Exhibit 1** shows the salary for the Sheriff in each county based on fiscal 2017 data, as provided by the Maryland Association of Counties.

Exhibit 1
Sheriff Salaries
Fiscal 2017

County	Salary
Allegany	\$70,000
Anne Arundel	132,999
Baltimore City	132,600
Baltimore	90,000
Calvert	90,480
Caroline	80,000
Carroll	90,001
Cecil	75,075
Charles	124,387
Dorchester	89,500
Frederick	125,000
Garrett	85,000
Harford	117,645
Howard	91,000
Kent	85,000
Montgomery	159,786
Prince George's	154,333
Queen Anne's	132,000
St. Mary's	102,000
Somerset	60,000
Talbot	79,567
Washington	88,000
Wicomico	95,000
Worcester	88,000

Source: Maryland Association of Counties

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. According to a Letter from the Counsel to the General Assembly, dated January 17, 1978, salary increases that are to be implemented over a period of time are permissible if implemented before the beginning of the term.

Local Expenditures: County expenditures increase by \$6,985 in fiscal 2019, by \$13,971 in fiscal 2020, and by \$23,950 annually thereafter. The estimate includes fringe benefits and assumes that the next term of office begins December 4, 2018.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 457 (Carroll County Senators) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Carroll County; Maryland Association of Counties; Department of Legislative Services

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