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Senate Bill 456

(Carroll County Senators)

Judicial Proceedings

Environment and Transportation

Carroll County - State's Attorney - Salary

This bill increases the salary of the State's Attorney in Carroll County as follows: (1) beginning December 4, 2018, the salary is 90% of the salary of a judge of the District Court, and (2) beginning December 3, 2019, the salary is equal to the salary of a judge of the District Court. 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: Carroll County expenditures increase by approximately \$9,800 in FY 2019, by \$19,500 in FY 2020, and by approximately \$33,500 annually thereafter. Local revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The States' Attorney for Carroll County receives an annual salary of \$113,067, which is equal to 80% of the salary of a judge of the District Court (set at \$141,333). **Exhibit 1** shows the salary for the State's Attorney in each county based on fiscal 2017 data, as provided by the Maryland Association of Counties.

Exhibit 1
State's Attorney Salaries
Fiscal 2017

County	Salary
Allegany	\$125,307
Anne Arundel	175,634
Baltimore City	238,772
Baltimore	204,187
Calvert	122,850
Caroline	113,066
Carroll	113,067
Cecil	134,267
Charles	140,352
Dorchester	113,066
Frederick	154,333
Garrett	113,066
Harford	115,423
Howard	141,333
Kent	109,200
Montgomery	206,476
Prince George's	199,000
Queen Anne's	132,000
St. Mary's	127,200
Somerset	98,000
Talbot	113,066
Washington	114,527
Wicomico	122,850
Worcester	122,850

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 \$9,758 in fiscal 2019, by \$19,516 in fiscal 2020, and by \$33,456 annually thereafter. The estimate includes fringe benefits, assumes that the next term of office starts December 4, 2018, and is based on the current salary for a District Court judge (\$141,333).

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 573 (Carroll County Delegation) - Environment and Transportation.

Information Source(s): Carroll County; Maryland Association of Counties; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of Legislative Services

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