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Third Reader

House Bill 1222
Judiciary

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Judicial Proceedings

Prince George's County - State's Attorney Salary - Alteration
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This bill increases, from \$199,000 to \$250,000, the annual salary of the Prince George's County State's Attorney. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary increase takes effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures increase by approximately \$40,400 in FY 2027 and by approximately \$69,200 annually thereafter. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Prince George's County State's Attorney receives an annual salary of \$199,000.

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: Prince George's County expenditures increase by \$40,371 in fiscal 2027, and by \$69,207 annually thereafter. This estimate reflects the next term of office beginning December 2026 and the current fringe benefit rate as provided by the county.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

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