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House Bill 498 (Calvert County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Calvert County - Salary of Assistant Sheriff

This bill alters provisions of law regarding the salary of the assistant sheriff in Calvert County by establishing that if the assistant sheriff was an active duty deputy sheriff in Calvert County immediately before appointment, the salary received must be set on appointment and each fiscal year thereafter as set forth in the sheriff's budget approved and adopted by the County Commissioners of Calvert County. The salary must include the same cost of living adjustment, if any, approved for county merit employees and may not be reduced from the prior fiscal year without cause. The sheriff may negotiate the salary of the assistant sheriff set by the county commissioners.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential increase or decrease in Calvert County salary expenditures, depending on action taken by the county commissioners and sheriff. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Calvert County Sheriff may appoint one full-time assistant sheriff, who serves under the direction of the Sheriff and is designated as a line officer. If the assistant sheriff was an active duty deputy sheriff in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the assistant sheriff must (1) receive an annual salary that is 6% more than the salary of the highest ranking officer in that office; (2) retain full merit

status; and (3) at the end of an appointment, be placed at the highest rank on the approved Calvert County Deputy Sheriff pay scale and receive the salary reflected at the highest step within that highest rank.

If the assistant sheriff was not an employee of the Calvert County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the individual (1) must receive an annual salary that is established through a mutual agreement between the sheriff and the county commissioners; (2) must be afforded all the benefits available to full-time employees in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office; and (3) may not be given merit status.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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