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House Bill 424

(The Speaker)(By Request - Governor's Salary
 Commission)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

Constitutional Officers - Salaries

This bill implements the salary recommendations of the Governor’s Salary Commission for the Attorney General, Comptroller of the Treasury, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer for the upcoming term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures increase by \$63,900 in FY 2023 for salaries and fringe benefits. Future years reflect annualization and statutory salary increases. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	63,900	129,200	128,200	120,200	114,300
Net Effect	(\$63,900)	(\$129,200)	(\$128,200)	(\$120,200)	(\$114,300)

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill increases the salaries of the Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, and Secretary of State for the next four-year term as depicted in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
**Salary Changes for the Attorney General, Comptroller, Secretary of State,
and Treasurer**

<u>Year of Term</u>	<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Attorney General, Comptroller, and Treasurer</u>	<u>% Increase of Current Salary</u>	<u>Secretary of State</u>	<u>% Increase of Current Salary</u>
First	2023	\$165,000	20.0	\$112,500	16.6
Second	2024	170,000	20.1	116,000	16.6
Third	2025	173,000	18.9	118,500	15.6
Fourth	2026	175,000	17.1	120,000	13.7

Current Law: The Governor’s Salary Commission was established by a 1976 constitutional amendment to create a salary setting mechanism for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Since its inception, the commission has had seven members, including the State Treasurer, three persons appointed by the President of the Senate, and three persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Appointees serve a four-year term. Members of the General Assembly and officers and employees of the State or a political subdivision of the State are not eligible for appointment to the commission.

Beginning with the 1981 Governor’s Salary Commission, the commission has also made recommendations, per the Governor’s request, on salaries for four constitutional officers: State Treasurer, Comptroller of the Treasury, Attorney General, and Secretary of State. This bill adopts the commission’s most recent recommendations for these constitutional officers, which can be located in the [*Report of the Governor’s Salary Commission*](#), published in January 2022.

The commission must submit salary recommendations for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to the General Assembly within 10 calendar days after the beginning of the last regular General Assembly session in a four-year term of office.

State Expenditures: General fund expenditures increase by \$63,907 in fiscal 2023, increasing to \$114,314 in fiscal 2027, for increased compensation and fringe benefits for the constitutional officers. The estimate accounts for the new salary schedule going into effect at the beginning of the January 2023 term of office and assumes the calendar 2026 salary for each office continues for calendar 2027.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 412 (The President)(By Request - Governor's Salary Commission) - Budget and Taxation.

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