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Senate Bill 312 (The President)(By Request - Governor's Salary Commission)

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: No effect in FY 2027. General fund expenditures increase by \$10,800 in FY 2028 for salaries and fringe benefits. Future years reflect annualization and statutory salary increases. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	10,800	21,500	32,300	43,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$10,800)	(\$21,500)	(\$32,300)	(\$43,000)

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 From Prior Year</u>	<u>Secretary of State</u>	<u>% Increase From Prior Year</u>
First	2027	\$175,000	0.0	\$120,000	0.0
Second	2028	180,000	2.9	124,000	3.3
Third	2029	180,000	0.0	124,000	0.0
Fourth	2030	185,000	2.8	128,000	3.2

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. The bill adopts the commission’s most recent recommendations for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, which can be located in the [Report of the Governor’s Salary Commission](#), published in January 2026.

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: The estimate accounts for the new salary schedule going into effect at the beginning of the January 2027 term of office and assumes the calendar 2030 salary for each office continues for calendar 2031.

Additional Information

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

Cross File: HB 607 (The Speaker)(By Request - Governor's Salary Commission) - Appropriations.

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