

Legislative

The total budget, as amended, for the Legislative Department is \$136.7 million from the general fund for the 2008-10 biennium, a reduction of \$1.5 million, or 1.1 percent below the original budget as approved by the 2008 General Assembly in Chapter 879. Including balances transferred to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year, the reductions in legislative agencies total \$7.5 million GF, or 5.4 percent.

- **General Assembly**
 - *Clerks Salary Increases.* Removes the proposed salary increases for the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Delegates which had been scheduled to take effect on November 25, 2008.
- **Division of Capitol Police**
 - *Budget Reduction.* Saves \$726,050 GF each year by eliminating 9.0 FTE positions that were unfilled.
- **Division of Legislative Services**
 - *Redistricting.* Provides \$180,600 GF the second year for computer hardware, software and work stations to support the 2011 redistricting.
- **Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation**
 - *Budget Reduction.* Saves \$34,000 GF the second year by reducing travel, dues, and other expenses for legislative conferences.
- **Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission**
 - *Court System Funding.* Directs the commission to review the funding for the District and Circuit Courts and courthouse construction.
- **Legislative Reversion Clearing Account**
 - *Payments in Lieu of Taxes.* Saves \$194,600 GF the second year by reducing the payments in lieu of taxes for the Capitol and the General Assembly Building. A companion amendment to the Department of General Services sets a specific amount for these payments.
 - *Budget Reductions.* Saves \$1.0 million GF the first year and \$4.96 million GF the second year through reductions in legislative agencies. These amounts (which are reverted to the general fund through balances) include \$1.1 million the second year from the House of Delegates and \$560,000 the second year from the Senate.