

## **Chapter 126**

**(House Bill 505)**

AN ACT concerning

### **St. Mary's County – Metropolitan Commission – Public Ethics Law**

FOR the purpose of defining each commissioner and employee of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission as a "local official" for the purposes of the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to Public Ethics.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 15–803  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – State Government  
Section 15–807  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### **Article – State Government**

15–803.

(a) Subject to § 15–209 of this title, each county and each municipal corporation shall enact provisions to govern the public ethics of local officials relating to:

- (1) conflicts of interest;
- (2) financial disclosure; and
- (3) lobbying.

(b) Each local ethics commission or appropriate entity shall certify to the Ethics Commission that the county or municipal corporation is in compliance with the requirements for elected local officials of this Part I on or before October 1 of each year.

15-807.

(a) In Baltimore City, for the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions enacted by the governing body of Baltimore City, “local official” includes Baltimore City health and housing inspectors who inspect for lead hazards.

(b) For the purpose of the financial disclosure provisions enacted by the governing body of Baltimore County, “local official” includes:

(1) the executive director and each member of the revenue authority;  
and

(2) except for a member of the Baltimore County Board of Education, each member of a board of a State agency that is wholly or partly funded by Baltimore County, regardless of whether the member is compensated.

(c) In Montgomery County, “local official” includes:

(1) each member and employee of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority;

(2) each commissioner and employee of the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission; and

(3) county employees of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

(d) In Prince George’s County, “local official” includes:

(1) each member of the Board of License Commissioners;

(2) the chief inspector and any other inspector of the Board of License Commissioners;

(3) the administrator of the Board of License Commissioners; and

(4) the attorney to the Board of License Commissioners.

**(E) IN ST. MARY’S COUNTY, “LOCAL OFFICIAL” INCLUDES EACH COMMISSIONER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE ST. MARY’S COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

**Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.**