

Chapter 558

(House Bill 720)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Salary Study Commission – Updating Salary and Expense Provisions – ~~Membership~~

FOR the purpose of updating certain provisions concerning the salaries of certain county officials; altering the membership of the Washington County Salary Study Commission; repealing certain provisions relating to the expense allowance for the judges of the orphans' court for Washington County; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to provide for a certain expense allowance for the judges of the orphans' court for Washington County; and generally relating to the ~~Washington County Salary Study Commission~~ salaries and expenses of certain county officials in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 15–109(w)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions
Section 12–203(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions
Section 12–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)~~

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 25 – County Commissioners
Section 51(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government

Section 16-205 and 28-203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter 119 (H.B. 472) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2013)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Local Government
Section 28-207 and 28-209
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter 119 (H.B. 472) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
2013)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
 Section 3-1302
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Estates and Trusts
 Section ~~2-108(v)(1)~~ 2-108(v)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

15-109.

(w) (1) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

(2) The annual salaries for the Board of License Commissioners [are:

(i) Chairman – \$9,850; and

(ii) Members – \$9,600] ~~SHALL BE SET BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER ARTICLE 24, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE CODE~~ TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(3) The salaries specified in this subsection are payable monthly from the license fees derived from the issuance of licenses authorized by this article.

(4) A member or employee of the Board may not have any pecuniary or other interest in any phase of the manufacture, sale or distribution of any alcoholic beverages.

~~Article 24 Political Subdivisions Miscellaneous Provisions~~

~~12-203.~~

~~(b) The Commission shall be comprised as follows:~~

~~(1) One member from the Democratic Party Central Committee of Washington County;~~

~~(2) One member from the Republican Party Central Committee of Washington County;~~

~~(3) One member from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce;~~

~~(4) One member from the Washington County Farm Bureau;~~

~~(5) One member from the League of Women Voters of Washington County;~~

~~(6) One member from the Western Maryland Central Labor Council;~~

~~(7) One member from the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.;~~

~~(8) One member from the Joint Veterans Council of Washington County; and~~

~~(9) One member at large WHO IS A RESIDENT selected by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Washington County [Retired Teachers Association].~~

~~12-205.~~

~~(a) The Commission shall study the salaries of the Washington County:~~

~~(1) Board of County Commissioners;~~

~~(2) Board of Education;~~

~~(3) Orphans' Court judges;~~

~~(4) Sheriff;~~

~~(5) Treasurer; and~~

~~(6) Board of Liquor License Commissioners.~~

~~(b) (1) On or before November 20, 1996, and on or before December 1 each fourth year thereafter, the Commission shall issue a report containing recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for review and consideration.~~

~~(2) (i) This paragraph does not apply to the salaries of the County Commissioners or the Sheriff.~~

~~(ii) Within 45 days after receiving the recommendations of the Commission, the Board of County Commissioners shall set by local law the salary for each office included in the recommendations:~~

~~1. Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection; and~~

~~2. With respect to a public official, in accordance with Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution.~~

~~(3) The Board of County Commissioners may accept, reduce, or reject but may not increase the recommendations of the Commission.~~

~~(4) On or before December 15, 1996, and on or before December 15 each fourth year thereafter, the Board of County Commissioners shall submit recommendations to the legislative delegation concerning the salaries of the County Commissioners and the Sheriff.~~

~~Article 25 – County Commissioners~~

~~51.~~

~~(q) The County Treasurer of Washington County shall receive an annual salary [of \$6,000.00] AS SET BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER ARTICLE 24, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE CODE. The deputy treasurer and clerks shall each be paid such compensation as the said Treasurer, with the approval of the County Commissioners of said county shall determine. The County Commissioners shall pay all the office expenses of the Treasurer and shall have the power, in their discretion, to increase the compensation of the Treasurer and the employees in his office.~~

Article – Local Government

16–205.

(a) (1) The annual salary of the County Treasurer of Washington County is:

(i) [\$6,000] AS SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE; or

(ii) any increased compensation authorized by the County Commissioners of Washington County.

(2) The County Treasurer shall determine the annual salaries of the deputy treasurer and employees in the office, subject to:

(i) the approval of the County Commissioners; and

(ii) any increased compensation authorized by the County Commissioners.

(b) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall pay the office expenses of the County Treasurer of Washington County.

28-203.

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (d) of this section, the Commission consists of the following members:

(1) one member from the Democratic Central Committee of Washington County;

(2) one member from the Republican Central Committee of Washington County;

(3) one member from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce;

(4) one member from the Washington County Farm Bureau;

(5) one member from the League of Women Voters of Washington County;

(6) one member from the Western Maryland Central Labor Council;

(7) one member from the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.;

(8) one member from the Joint Veterans Council of Washington County; and

(9) one at-large member WHO IS A RESIDENT selected by the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Washington County [Retired Teachers Association].

(b) Each member shall be a registered voter of Washington County who in the previous 4 years has voted in at least two elections, at least one of which was in the gubernatorial election year.

(c) On or before March 31, 2016, and on or before March 31 each fourth year thereafter, the County Commissioners of Washington County shall request that each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section recommend an appointee to the county commissioners on or before the following May 15.

(d) (1) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall appoint the individual recommended by each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) If an organization fails to make a recommendation to the county commissioners on or before June 1, the members who have been appointed to the Commission shall meet, solicit prospective members from the public, and select by majority vote a qualified substitute public member to the Commission to serve through the following December 1.

(3) A member of the Commission may not be an elected official or an employee of an official whose salary the Commission studies.

28-207.

(a) The Commission shall study the salaries of:

(1) the County Commissioners of Washington County;

(2) the Washington County Board of Education;

(3) the Washington County Board of Liquor License Commissioners;

(4) the judges of the Orphans' Court for Washington County;

(5) the Sheriff of Washington County; and

(6) the Treasurer of Washington County.

(b) On or before the December 1 following appointment, the Commission shall issue a report that contains recommendations to the County Commissioners of Washington County for review and consideration.

28-209.

(a) (1) This subsection does not apply to the salaries of the County Commissioners of Washington County or the Sheriff of Washington County.

(2) Subject to subsection (b) of this section and Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, the county commissioners, by local law, shall set the salary for each office included in the recommendations.

(b) The County Commissioners of Washington County may accept, reduce, or reject, but may not increase, the recommendations of the Commission.

(c) On or before the December 15 following appointment of the Commission, the County Commissioners of Washington County shall submit recommendations to the members of the General Assembly who represent any part of Washington County concerning the salaries of the county commissioners and the sheriff.

Article – Education

3–1302.

(a) (1) The president of the county board [is entitled to receive \$6,200 annually as compensation] and the other members are entitled to receive [\$6,100 each annually as] compensation **ANNUALLY AS SET BY THE ~~BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER ARTICLE 24, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE CODE~~ TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(2) Each member of the Washington County Board of Education is entitled to health insurance and to other fringe benefits regularly provided to employees of the board of education.

(b) After submitting vouchers, members shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses within the limit set by the Washington County Commissioners.

Article – Estates and Trusts

2–108.

(v) (1) As compensation each of the judges of the Court for Washington County shall receive an annual compensation [of not more than \$7,000 per year] **AS SET BY THE ~~BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER ARTICLE 24, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE CODE~~ TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

(2) [(i) Each judge shall also receive an expense allowance, not to exceed \$1,000 per year, to be paid by the Board of County Commissioners upon presentation of an itemized voucher of legitimate expenses.]

(ii) For purposes of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, legitimate expenses include:

1. Registration fees for business related seminars and conferences;

2. \$10 per year for judge's association membership;

3. Parking expenses incurred while on business related trips out of the county, upon presentation of a receipt from the parking facility indicating the amount;

4. A gasoline expense, equal to the amount per mile paid other Washington County employees while traveling to business related activities held out of the county;

5. A meal expense, not to exceed \$30 per day, incurred while on business related trips out of the county; and

6. A room expense, not to exceed \$85 per day, incurred while on business related activities held out of the county.] **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE AS THE BOARD DETERMINES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DETERMINE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.