(House Bill 149)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Commissioners - Salary and Expense Reimbursements

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the County Commissioners of Somerset County; altering the limit on reimbursements that each Commissioner may receive for certain expenses; <u>altering the expenses for which each Commissioner may receive</u> <u>reimbursement; altering a certain requirement related to the submission of certain</u> <u>reimbursement vouchers by the Commissioners;</u> providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salary and expense reimbursement for the County Commissioners of Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, The Public Local Laws of Somerset County Section 2–101 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland (2015 Edition)

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

Article 20 – Somerset County

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(a) There are 5 County Commissioners for Somerset County, who hold office for 4 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of [\$7,500] **\$8,500**.

(2) The President of the County Commissioners shall receive an annual salary of **[**\$8,500**] \$9,500**.

(c) Each Commissioner may receive reimbursement of no more than [\$2,500] **\$3,000** a year for food and mileage expenses <u>INCURRED</u> for any official duties. The County Commissioner shall submit a reimbursement voucher for each excursion, signed by 3 of the 5 Commissioners.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the County Commissioners of Somerset County while serving in a term

of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the County Commissioners of Somerset County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.