

# HOUSE BILL 1364

P1

11r3055  
CF SB 946

---

By: **Delegate Crosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 26, 2021

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

---

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 14, 2021

---

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission for a  
4 certain purpose; providing for the membership, chair, and staffing of the  
5 Commission; prohibiting a member of the Commission from receiving certain  
6 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the  
7 Governor to fill a certain vacancy on the Commission under certain circumstances;  
8 providing for the duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to establish  
9 certain advisory committees; requiring the Commission to meet at certain times;  
10 requiring the Commission to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General  
11 Assembly at certain times; defining a certain term; providing for the termination of  
12 this Act; and generally relating to the Historic St. Mary's City Fort to 400  
13 Commission.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – State Government

16 Section 9–3301 through 9–3307 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 33. Historic  
17 St. Mary's City Fort to 400 Commission”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

20 Preamble

21 WHEREAS, In 1634, the settlers who founded Maryland landed at St. Clements  
22 Island aboard the Ark and the Dove, before establishing the colony at St. Mary's City; and

---

### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the State of Maryland to plan and conduct  
2 observances marking the 400th anniversary of the founding of Maryland in 2034; and

3 WHEREAS, As Maryland's first settlement and first capital, Historic St. Mary's City  
4 will play an important role in leading these observances; and

5 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of Marylanders to provide for appropriate activities  
6 to commemorate and maximize the understanding of residents and visitors about the  
7 founding of Maryland and its meaning to Marylanders, particularly of Maryland's  
8 leadership in establishing the principle of religious toleration; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly desires that these events be carried out in a  
10 historically accurate, inclusive, cohesive, and dignified manner and desires to create a  
11 coordinating mechanism to ensure efficiency and to advise the Governor and the General  
12 Assembly of how best to observe this anniversary across our State; now, therefore,

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

15 **Article – State Government**

16 **SUBTITLE 33. HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FORT TO 400 COMMISSION.**

17 **9-3301.**

18 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "COMMISSION" MEANS THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY  
19 FORT TO 400 COMMISSION.

20 **9-3302.**

21 (A) **THERE IS A HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FORT TO 400 COMMISSION.**

22 (B) **THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO PLAN, PRODUCE, AND**  
23 **FACILITATE MATERIALS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE THE 400TH**  
24 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND.**

25 **9-3303.**

26 (A) **THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

27 ~~(1) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;~~

28 ~~(2) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;~~

1           ~~(3)~~ (1)       ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF  
2 MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

3           ~~(4)~~ (2)       ~~ONE MEMBER~~ TWO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF  
4 DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

5           ~~(5)~~ (3)       THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OR THE  
6 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

7           ~~(6)~~ (4)       THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE OR THE SECRETARY'S  
8 DESIGNEE;

9           ~~(7)~~ (5)       THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR THE  
10 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

11          ~~(8)~~ (6)       THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING OR THE SECRETARY'S  
12 DESIGNEE;

13          ~~(9)~~ (7)       THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE  
14 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

15          ~~(10)~~ (8)       ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON  
16 INDIAN AFFAIRS;

17          ~~(11)~~ (9)       ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON  
18 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE;

19          ~~(12)~~ (10)       ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY  
20 COMMISSION;

21          ~~(13)~~ ~~ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND;~~

22          ~~(14)~~ (11)       ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND REDISCOVERY  
23 400 INITIATIVE; AND

24          ~~(15)~~ (12)       FIVE MEMBERS WITH RELEVANT INTEREST OR EXPERTISE,  
25 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

26           (B) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION  
27 AND ANY ADVISORY COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 9-3305 OF  
28 THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND  
29 REGIONS WITHIN THE STATE.

30           (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

1           **(D) THE DIVISION OF TOURISM, FILM, AND THE ARTS SHALL PROVIDE**  
2 **STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION, ASSISTED BY THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**  
3 **AND THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES.**

4           **(E) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:**

5                 **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**  
6 **COMMISSION; BUT**

7                 **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**  
8 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

9           **(F) A VACANCY ON THE COMMISSION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

10 **9-3304.**

11           **THE COMMISSION SHALL:**

12                 **(1) COORDINATE THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF**  
13 **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE**  
14 **FOUNDING OF MARYLAND;**

15                 **(2) PROMOTE THE IDENTIFICATION, DOCUMENTATION, AND**  
16 **PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES RELATED TO THE**  
17 **FOUNDING OF MARYLAND;**

18                 **(3) ASSIST IN PROTECTING, IMPROVING, AND DEVELOPING EXISTING**  
19 **EDUCATIONAL AND INTERPRETIVE INSTITUTIONS, SITES, AND MUSEUMS IN**  
20 **PROMOTING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND;**

21                 **(4) ENSURE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL SOCIAL STUDIES**  
22 **CURRICULUM ON THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND;**

23                 **(5) PROMOTE NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY THE**  
24 **COMMEMORATION OF THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND;**

25                 **(6) ENSURE THAT COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND**  
26 **PRODUCTS PROVIDE LASTING VALUE AND PUBLIC BENEFITS BEYOND THE**  
27 **CELEBRATION OF THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND;**

28                 **(7) SECURE SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT**  
29 **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES PLANNED AND ASSISTED BY THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING**  
30 **THE FORMATION OF AN APPROPRIATE LEGAL ENTITY;**

1           **(8) PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR AND COORDINATE ECONOMIC**  
2 **DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AND AROUND ST. MARY'S CITY TO PROMOTE**  
3 **THE REGION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND**

4           **(9) PERFORM OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE**  
5 **PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION.**

6 **9-3305.**

7           **(A) THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH ADVISORY**  
8 **COMMITTEES RELATED TO:**

9                   **(1) DEVELOPMENT AND SPONSOR RELATIONS;**

10                   **(2) RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP AND VISITOR EXPERIENCE;**

11                   **(3) EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM;**

12                   **(4) PROGRAMS AND EVENTS;**

13                   **(5) TRANSPORTATION AND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE;**

14                   **(6) COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING;**

15                   **(7) OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT; AND**

16                   **(8) ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 400TH**  
17 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS**  
18 **NECESSARY.**

19           **(B) (1) THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT ADVISORY**  
20 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO BROADLY REPRESENT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE**  
21 **INTERESTS.**

22                   **(2) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF**  
23 **THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.**

24 **9-3306.**

25           **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR AT TIMES**  
26 **AND PLACES TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CHAIR.**

27           **(B) THE COMMISSION:**

1 (1) SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE TRANSACTION OF  
2 BUSINESS; AND

3 (2) MAY ESTABLISH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS  
4 FOR THE COMMISSION.

5 9-3307.

6 (A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT  
7 TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE  
8 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT CONTAINING THE  
9 COMMISSION’S PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 400TH  
10 ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF MARYLAND.

11 (B) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2022, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1  
12 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN  
13 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL  
14 ASSEMBLY A REPORT THAT INCLUDES:

15 (1) AN UPDATE ON THE PLAN OF ACTION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE  
16 WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION;

17 (2) IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLES AND BENCHMARKS; AND

18 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND  
19 OTHER ACTIONS THE COMMISSION DEEMS NECESSARY TO FURTHER ITS MISSION.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 14 years and, at the end of  
22 September 30, 2035, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly,  
23 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Delegates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate.