
By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission - Purpose, Intent, and Function**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the purpose, intent, and function of the St. Mary's
4 County Metropolitan Commission; designating the Commission, at its option, as
5 the exclusive provider of water and sewer services within St. Mary's County,
6 subject to a certain exception; making stylistic and technical changes; and
7 generally relating to the purpose, intent, and function of the St. Mary's County
8 Metropolitan Commission.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
11 Section 113-1 A.
12 Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
13 (1978 Edition and November 1998 Supplement, as amended)

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

16 **Article 19 - St. Mary's County**

17 113-1.

18 A. IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS CHAPTER TO ESTABLISH THE ST. MARY'S
19 COUNTY METROPOLITAN COMMISSION. THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMISSION IS TO
20 PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO CITIZENS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY. TO THAT
21 END, THE COMMISSION IS HEREBY DESIGNATED TO BE, AT ITS OPTION, THE
22 EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WITHIN ST. MARY'S COUNTY
23 EXCEPT WHERE SUCH SERVICES ARE INTENDED FOR PRIVATE PROPERTIES UNDER A
24 SINGLE OWNERSHIP. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter,
25 the sanitary districts created are under the jurisdiction of the Commission of seven
26 [(7)] persons. Each member of the Commission shall be appointed by the Board of
27 County Commissioners of St. Mary's County as follows: one [(1)] member from each
28 of the first, third, sixth, seventh and eighth districts, one [(1)] member from the
29 second and ninth election districts and one [(1)] member from the fourth and fifth
30 election districts. Each member shall reside in the election district [he] THE MEMBER

1 represents, be a resident taxpayer of the county and be a qualified voter. The
2 members of the Commission shall be appointed for a three-year term and shall serve
3 until their successors are appointed and have qualified. [Those persons serving as
4 members of the Commission immediately prior to June 1, 1976, shall continue to
5 serve in their respective positions until the expiration of their terms.] As the term of
6 each [Commissioner] MEMBER expires, [his] A successor shall be appointed by the
7 Board of County Commissioner of St. Mary's County. Any vacancy in the membership
8 of the Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County
9 Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the unexpired term.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 1999.