
By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**
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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 community water and sewer services within St. Mary's
6 County, subject to certain exceptions; making certain stylistic and technical
7 changes; and generally relating to the purpose, intent, and function of the St.
8 Mary's County 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 December 1999 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 AND OPERATE COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS SERVING
21 PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY. TO THAT END, THE
22 COMMISSION IS HEREBY DESIGNATED TO BE, AT ITS OPTION, THE EXCLUSIVE
23 PROVIDER OF COMMUNITY WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WITHIN ST. MARY'S
24 COUNTY EXCEPT WHERE SUCH SERVICES ARE: (1) INTENDED FOR PRIVATE
25 PROPERTIES UNDER A SINGLE OWNERSHIP THAT ARE SERVED BY PRIVATE
26 FACILITIES IN EXISTENCE ON MAY 31, 1976, (2) PROVIDED THROUGH FACILITIES
27 OWNED BY THE STATE OR AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE, OR (3) PROVIDED
28 THROUGH FACILITIES OWNED BY A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. For the purpose of
29 carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the sanitary districts created are under the
30 jurisdiction of the Commission of seven [(7)] persons. Each member of the

1 Commission shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's
2 County as follows: one [(1)] member from each of the first, third, sixth, seventh and
3 eighth districts, one [(1)] member from the second and ninth election districts and
4 one [(1)] member from the fourth and fifth election districts. Each member shall
5 reside in the election district [he] THE MEMBER represents, be a resident taxpayer of
6 the county and be a qualified voter. The members of the Commission shall be
7 appointed for a three-year term and shall serve until their successors are appointed
8 and have qualified. [Those persons serving as members of the Commission
9 immediately prior to June 1, 1976, shall continue to serve in their respective positions
10 until the expiration of their terms.] As the term of each [Commissioner] MEMBER
11 expires, [his] A successor shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners
12 of St. Mary's County. Any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be
13 filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for
14 the unexpired term.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2001.