

HOUSE BILL 233

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

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2007

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Metropolitan Commission – Terms of Voting Members**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the term of the voting members of the Metropolitan
4 Commission in St. Mary's County; providing that the terms of certain voting
5 members of the Metropolitan Commission serving on a certain date will expire
6 after a certain number of years; and generally relating to the terms of the voting
7 members of the Metropolitan Commission in St. Mary's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
10 Section 113–1 A.
11 Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (2002 Edition, as amended)
13 (As enacted by Chapter 394 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2004)

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. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the
19 sanitary districts created are under the jurisdiction of the Commission of seven (7)
20 voting members and one (1) nonvoting member. Each voting member of the
21 Commission shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 County as follows: one (1) member from each of the first, third, sixth, seventh and
2 eighth districts, one (1) member from the second and ninth election districts and one
3 (1) member from the fourth and fifth election districts. Each voting member shall
4 reside in the election district he represents, be a resident taxpayer of the county and
5 be a qualified voter. The voting members of the Commission shall be appointed for a
6 **[three-year] FIVE-YEAR** term and shall serve until their successors are appointed
7 and have qualified. The nonvoting member of the Commission shall be the
8 Commanding Officer of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station or a designated
9 representative of the Commanding Officer. The nonvoting member shall represent the
10 interests of the United States Navy with respect to the water and sewer services
11 provided by the Commission to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and the Webster
12 Field Annex. The nonvoting member shall serve until the succeeding Commanding
13 Officer is appointed. If the Commanding Officer designates a representative, the
14 representative shall serve at the pleasure of the Commanding Officer and may be
15 replaced at any time. [Those persons serving as members of the Commission
16 immediately prior to June 1, 1976, shall continue to serve in their respective positions
17 until the expiration of their terms.] **EACH VOTING MEMBER SERVING AS A MEMBER**
18 **OF THE COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2007, SHALL CONTINUE**
19 **TO SERVE FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER THE TERM BEGAN, AT WHICH TIME THE TERM**
20 **SHALL EXPIRE.** As the term of each voting member expires, his successor shall be
21 appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County. Except for a
22 nonvoting member, any vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall be filled
23 by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County for the
24 unexpired term.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 June 1, 2007.