

# HOUSE BILL 966

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Salary Study Process**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of selecting an at large member of the  
4 Washington County Salary Study Commission; repealing the requirement that  
5 the Commission study the salary of the Washington County State’s Attorney;  
6 requiring the County Commissioners for Washington County to set certain  
7 salaries within a certain period of time, subject to certain requirements;  
8 repealing a certain requirement that the County Commissioners submit certain  
9 recommendations to the legislative delegation; requiring the Commission to  
10 consider certain information when formulating its report and recommendations;  
11 and generally relating to the study of salaries of Washington County public  
12 officials.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
15 Section 12–202  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
20 Section 12–203(b) and 12–205  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

23 BY adding to  
24 Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions  
25 Section 12–206  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions**

4 12–202.

5 There is a Washington County Salary Study Commission.

6 12–203.

7 (b) The Commission shall be comprised as follows:

8 (1) One member from the Democratic Party Central Committee of  
9 Washington County;

10 (2) One member from the Republican Party Central Committee of  
11 Washington County;

12 (3) One member from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce;

13 (4) One member from the Washington County Farm Bureau;

14 (5) One member from the League of Women Voters of Washington  
15 County;

16 (6) One member from the Western Maryland Central Labor Council;

17 (7) One member from the Cumberland Valley Associated Builders and  
18 Contractors, Inc.;

19 (8) One member from the Joint Veterans Council of Washington  
20 County; and

21 (9) One member at large selected by the [Executive Committee of the  
22 Washington County Council of PTA's. The president of the Council may be the  
23 member selected] **WASHINGTON COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.**

24 12–205.

25 (a) The Commission shall study the salaries of the Washington County:

26 (1) Board of County Commissioners;

27 (2) Board of Education;

28 (3) Orphans' Court judges;

- 1           (4) Sheriff;
- 2           (5) [State's Attorney;
- 3           (6)] Treasurer;
- 4           [(7)] **(6)** Board of Supervisors of Elections; and
- 5           [(8)] **(7)** Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

6           (b) (1) On or before November 20, 1996, and on or before December 1 each  
7 fourth year thereafter, the Commission shall issue a report containing  
8 recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for review and consideration.

9                       **(2) WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
10 **OF THE COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET BY**  
11 **LOCAL LAW THE SALARY FOR EACH OFFICE INCLUDED IN THE**  
12 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

13                       **(I) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

14                       **(II) WITH RESPECT TO A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, IN ACCORDANCE**  
15 **WITH ARTICLE III, § 35 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.**

16                       **(3)** The Board of County Commissioners may accept, reduce, or reject  
17 but may not increase the recommendations of the Commission.

18                       [(2) On or before December 15, 1996, and on or before December 15  
19 each fourth year thereafter, the Board of County Commissioners shall submit  
20 recommendations to the legislative delegation concerning the salaries of the offices in  
21 subsection (a) of this section.]

22 **12-206.**

23                       **THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH OFFICE**  
24 **IN FORMULATING ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

25                       **(1) THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE;**

26                       **(2) THE EDUCATION, SKILLS, ABILITIES, LICENSURE, AND**  
27 **CERTIFICATION REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE;**

28                       **(3) THE SALARIES OF SIMILAR OFFICES IN OTHER**  
29 **JURISDICTIONS;**

1                   (4)    THE TIME REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE  
2 OFFICE;

3                   (5)    THE SALARIES OF SUBORDINATE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE  
4 DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE;

5                   (6)    THE VOLUME OF WORKLOAD OF THE OFFICE; AND

6                   (7)    ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION DEEMS  
7 RELEVANT.

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2010.