

Chapter 718

(House Bill 966)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Salary Study Process

FOR the purpose of altering the method of selecting an at large member of the Washington County Salary Study Commission; repealing the requirement that the Commission study the salary of the Washington County State's Attorney; requiring the County Commissioners for Washington County to set certain salaries within a certain period of time, subject to certain requirements; ~~repealing a certain requirement that~~ establishing that a certain requirement does not apply to the County Commissioners for Washington County or the Washington County Sheriff; requiring the County Commissioners to submit certain recommendations to the legislative delegation for the salary of the County Commissioners and Sheriff; requiring the Commission to consider certain information when formulating its report and recommendations; and generally relating to the study of salaries of Washington County public officials.

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

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

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

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

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

12–202.

There is a Washington County Salary Study Commission.

12-203.

(b) The Commission shall be comprised as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12-205.

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

(1) Board of County Commissioners;

(2) Board of Education;

(3) Orphans' Court judges;

(4) Sheriff;

(5) [State's Attorney;

(6)] Treasurer;

[(7)] (6) Board of Supervisors of Elections; and

[(8)] (7) Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

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

(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT APPLY TO THE SALARIES OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE SHERIFF.

(II) WITHIN 45 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET BY LOCAL LAW THE SALARY FOR EACH OFFICE INCLUDED IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS:

~~(H)~~ **1. SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

~~(H)~~ **2. WITH RESPECT TO A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE III, § 35 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.**

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

~~(4)~~ **(4) On or before December 15, 1996, and on or before December 15 each fourth year thereafter, the Board of County Commissioners shall submit recommendations to the legislative delegation concerning the salaries of the ~~offices in~~ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE SHERIFF.**

12-206.

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

(1) THE SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE;

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

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

- (4) THE TIME REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE;
- (5) THE SALARIES OF SUBORDINATE EMPLOYEES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE;
- (6) THE VOLUME OF WORKLOAD OF THE OFFICE; AND
- (7) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION DEEMS RELEVANT.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.