

HB0720/580119/1

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 720
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, after “Salary” insert “and Expense”; strike line 3 in its entirety; in line 6, after “Commission;” insert “repealing certain provisions relating to the expense allowance for the judges of the orphans’ court for Washington County; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to provide for a certain expense allowance for the judges of the orphans’ court for Washington County;”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “Washington County Salary Study Commission” and substitute “salaries and expenses of certain county officials in Washington County”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 27, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Local Government

Section 16-205 and 28-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 472) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Local Government

Section 28-207 and 28-209

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 472) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2013)”.

On page 2, in line 8, strike “2-108(v)(1)” and substitute “2-108(v)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

(Over)

On page 2, in line 18, strike “**BOARD OF**”; and strike beginning with “**ARTICLE**” in line 19 down through “**CODE**” in line 20 and substitute “**TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**”.

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 2 through line 22 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article – Local Government

16–205.

(a) (1) The annual salary of the County Treasurer of Washington County is:

(i) [\$6,000] AS SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE; or

(ii) any increased compensation authorized by the County Commissioners of Washington County.

(2) The County Treasurer shall determine the annual salaries of the deputy treasurer and employees in the office, subject to:

(i) the approval of the County Commissioners; and

(ii) any increased compensation authorized by the County Commissioners.

(b) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall pay the office expenses of the County Treasurer of Washington County.

28–203.

(a) Subject to subsections (b) and (d) of this section, the Commission consists of the following members:

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

(2) one member from the Republican 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 at-large member WHO IS A RESIDENT selected by the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF Washington County [Retired Teachers Association].

(b) Each member shall be a registered voter of Washington County who in the previous 4 years has voted in at least two elections, at least one of which was in the gubernatorial election year.

(Over)

(c) On or before March 31, 2016, and on or before March 31 each fourth year thereafter, the County Commissioners of Washington County shall request that each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section recommend an appointee to the county commissioners on or before the following May 15.

(d) (1) The County Commissioners of Washington County shall appoint the individual recommended by each organization listed in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) If an organization fails to make a recommendation to the county commissioners on or before June 1, the members who have been appointed to the Commission shall meet, solicit prospective members from the public, and select by majority vote a qualified substitute public member to the Commission to serve through the following December 1.

(3) A member of the Commission may not be an elected official or an employee of an official whose salary the Commission studies.

28-207.

(a) The Commission shall study the salaries of:

(1) the County Commissioners of Washington County;

(2) the Washington County Board of Education;

(3) the Washington County Board of Liquor License Commissioners;

(4) the judges of the Orphans' Court for Washington County;

(5) the Sheriff of Washington County; and

(6) the Treasurer of Washington County.

(b) On or before the December 1 following appointment, the Commission shall issue a report that contains recommendations to the County Commissioners of Washington County for review and consideration.

28–209.

(a) (1) This subsection does not apply to the salaries of the County Commissioners of Washington County or the Sheriff of Washington County.

(2) Subject to subsection (b) of this section and Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, the county commissioners, by local law, shall set the salary for each office included in the recommendations.

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

(c) On or before the December 15 following appointment of the Commission, the County Commissioners of Washington County shall submit recommendations to the members of the General Assembly who represent any part of Washington County concerning the salaries of the county commissioners and the sheriff.”.

On page 4, in line 27, strike “**BOARD OF**”; and strike beginning with “**ARTICLE**” in line 28 down through “**CODE**” in line 29 and substitute “**TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**”.

On page 5, in line 5, strike “**BOARD OF**”; and in line 6, strike “**ARTICLE 24, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE CODE**” and substitute “**TITLE 28, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE**”.

(Over)

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, after line 6, insert:

“(2) [(i) Each judge shall also receive an expense allowance, not to exceed \$1,000 per year, to be paid by the Board of County Commissioners upon presentation of an itemized voucher of legitimate expenses.

(ii) For purposes of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, legitimate expenses include:

1. Registration fees for business related seminars and conferences;

2. \$10 per year for judge’s association membership;

3. Parking expenses incurred while on business related trips out of the county, upon presentation of a receipt from the parking facility indicating the amount;

4. A gasoline expense, equal to the amount per mile paid other Washington County employees while traveling to business related activities held out of the county;

5. A meal expense, not to exceed \$30 per day, incurred while on business related trips out of the county; and

6. A room expense, not to exceed \$85 per day, incurred while on business related activities held out of the county.] **THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE FOR AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE AS THE BOARD DETERMINES.**”.