

HOUSE BILL 1133

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2016
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Commissioners – Compensation**
3 **Study**

4 **PG/MC 107–16**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to contract
6 with an independent consultant to conduct a certain study of certain compensation
7 provided for the commissioners of the Commission; requiring the consultant to be
8 selected through a competitive process; requiring the Commission to fund the cost of
9 the study; prohibiting the cost of the study from exceeding a certain amount;
10 requiring the consultant to analyze and compare certain matters, consult with
11 certain persons, and make certain recommendations; requiring the consultant to
12 report its findings and recommendations on or before a certain date to the County
13 Executive of Prince George's County, the County Executive of Montgomery County,
14 the Prince George's County Council, the Montgomery County Council, and certain
15 delegations to the General Assembly; requiring certain entities to make the
16 consultant's report available on their Web sites for a certain period of time; providing
17 for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of the compensation
18 of the commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is led by six appointed
21 commissioners, three from Montgomery County and three from Prince George's County;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Although the commissioners are entitled to an annual salary, the
24 amount of the annual salary has not been adjusted since 1990, not even for inflation or a
25 cost-of-living increase; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The Commission conducted an internal study of the commissioners'
2 compensation in November 2011, but because there has not been any subsequent
3 adjustment, it is time for an independent third party, hired through a competitive process
4 and working with specified stakeholders, to review the commissioners' compensation and
5 prepare a detailed report of its findings and recommendations; now, therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
7 That:

8 (a) (1) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall contract with an
9 independent consultant to conduct a study of the compensation provided for the
10 commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission under § 17–107 of the
11 Public Utilities Article.

12 (2) The consultant shall be selected through a competitive process.

13 (3) The cost of the study:

14 (i) shall be funded by the Washington Suburban Sanitary
15 Commission; and

16 (ii) may not exceed \$10,000.

17 (b) In conducting the study, the consultant shall:

18 (1) analyze and compare the duties, responsibilities, and compensation of
19 the commissioners with the duties, responsibilities, and compensation of other individuals
20 in similar positions in the State, the District of Columbia, and other states in the
21 Mid-Atlantic Region;

22 (2) consult with:

23 (i) a representative of the members of the Prince George's County
24 Delegation to the General Assembly;

25 (ii) a representative of the members of the Montgomery County
26 Delegation to the General Assembly;

27 (iii) a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission commissioner
28 from Prince George's County;

29 (iv) a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission commissioner
30 from Montgomery County;

31 (v) a representative of the Prince George's County Council;

32 (vi) a representative of the Montgomery County Council;

1 (vii) a representative of the County Executive of Prince George's
2 County; and

3 (viii) a representative of the County Executive of Montgomery County;
4 and

5 (3) make recommendations regarding whether any adjustments should be
6 made to the compensation of the commissioners.

7 (c) (1) On or before October 1, 2016, the independent consultant shall report
8 its findings and recommendations to the County Executive of Prince George's County, the
9 County Executive of Montgomery County, the Prince George's County Council, the
10 Montgomery County Council, and the members of the Prince George's County Delegation
11 and the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly.

12 (2) The County Executive of Prince George's County, the County Executive
13 of Montgomery County, the Prince George's County Council, the Montgomery County
14 Council, and the Prince George's County Delegation and the Montgomery County
15 Delegation to the General Assembly shall make the consultant's report available on their
16 respective Web sites:

17 (i) within 1 week after receiving the report; and

18 (ii) continuing through December 31, 2016.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
20 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of December 31,
21 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated
22 and of no further force and effect.