

# HOUSE BILL 323

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(9lr1345)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Environment and Transportation/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **Delegate Otto**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Somerset County – Commissioners – Residency Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each County Commissioner of Somerset County to reside in  
4 a certain commissioners' district for a certain amount of time before *the filing*  
5 *deadline for the* election as a Commissioner and during the term of office as  
6 Commissioner; prohibiting a Commissioner from continuing to serve during the  
7 current term of office if the Commissioner does not maintain a certain residency  
8 under certain circumstances; authorizing an incumbent Commissioner who no  
9 longer resides in a certain district due to a change in the district's boundaries to  
10 continue as a Commissioner for the remainder of the term of office; and generally  
11 relating to residency requirements for the County Commissioners of Somerset  
12 County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Section 2–101  
2 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
3 (2015 Edition, as amended)  
4 (As enacted by Chapters 167 and 168 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

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

7 **Article 20 – Somerset County**

8 2–101.

9 (a) There are 5 County Commissioners for Somerset County, who hold office for 4  
10 years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

11 **(B) (1) A COMMISSIONER ELECTED FROM A COMMISSIONERS’ DISTRICT**  
12 **DESCRIBED IN § 2–102 OF THIS SUBTITLE MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THAT DISTRICT**  
13 **DURING:**

14 **(I) THE 6 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FILING**  
15 **DEADLINE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER; AND**

16 **(II) THE FULL TERM OF OFFICE AS A COMMISSIONER.**

17 **(2) A COMMISSIONER FROM A COMMISSIONERS’ DISTRICT WHO DOES**  
18 **NOT MAINTAIN RESIDENCY IN THAT DISTRICT MAY NOT CONTINUE AS A COUNTY**  
19 **COMMISSIONER AND THE OFFICE SHALL BE DEEMED VACANT.**

20 **(3) IF THE BOUNDARY OF A COMMISSIONERS’ DISTRICT IS CHANGED,**  
21 **THE TERM OF AN INCUMBENT COMMISSIONER WHO NO LONGER RESIDES IN THAT**  
22 **DISTRICT BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IS NOT AFFECTED DURING THAT TERM.**

23 **[(b)] (C) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each**  
24 **Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of \$8,500.**

25 **(2) The President of the County Commissioners shall receive an annual**  
26 **salary of \$9,500.**

27 **[(c)] (D) Each Commissioner may receive reimbursement of no more than \$3,000**  
28 **a year for expenses incurred for any official duties. The County Commissioner shall submit**  
29 **a reimbursement voucher, signed by 3 of the 5 Commissioners.**

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2019.