

Chapter 614

(Senate Bill 439)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Local Officials – Salaries and Daily Allowance for Traveling Expenses

FOR the purpose of altering the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the State's Attorney for Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, members of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County and the salaries and daily allowance for certain expenses of the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County and associate judges of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County; and generally relating to the salaries and daily allowance for traveling expenses of Somerset County public officials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–333(b)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 15–420(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 15–420(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–108(s)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
 Section 2–101(a)
 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2015 Edition, as amended)
 (As enacted by Chapters 167 and 168 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
 Section 2–101(b)
 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2015 Edition, as amended)
 (As enacted by Chapters 167 and 168 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
 Section 9–104(a)
 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (2015 Edition, as amended)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2–333.

(b) (1) The Sheriff of Somerset County shall receive an annual salary of not less than ~~[\$75,000]~~ **\$85,000**.

Article – Criminal Procedure

15–420.

(a) This section applies only in Somerset County.

(b) The State’s Attorney’s salary is ~~[\$113,066]~~ **80% OF THE SALARY OF A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND**.

Article – Estates and Trusts

2–101.

In the estates of decedents law, the word “court” means the orphans’ court in a county, or the court exercising the jurisdiction of the orphans’ court in a county.

2-108.

(s) (1) The Chief Judge of the Court for Somerset County shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$3,800~~] **\$5,200** to be paid quarterly.

(2) Each of the associate judges of the Court for Somerset County shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$3,400~~] **\$4,800** to be paid quarterly.

(3) Each judge shall also receive a daily allowance for traveling expenses of [~~\$34.50~~] **\$55** for every day's attendance on the sessions of the Court.

Article 20 – Somerset County

2-101.

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

(b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$8,500~~] **\$10,000**.

(2) The President of the County Commissioners shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$9,500~~] **\$11,000**.

9-104.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the members of the County Roads Board shall each receive, in addition to their compensation as County Commissioners, a salary of [~~\$7,500~~] **\$10,000** annually as a member of the County Roads Board.

(2) The President of the County Roads Board shall receive, in addition to compensation received as President of the County Commissioners, an annual salary of [~~\$8,500~~] **\$11,000**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the State's Attorney for Somerset County, the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County, an associate judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, or the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the State's Attorney for Somerset County, the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court

for Somerset County, an associate judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, or the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.