

# HOUSE BILL 844

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By: **Delegates Otto, Beauchamp, and Hartman**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Salaries of Local Officials – Increase**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County  
4 Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of  
5 Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the  
6 President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County; and generally relating to  
7 the salaries of Somerset County public officials.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 2–333(b)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County  
15 Section 2–101(a)  
16 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
17 (2015 Edition, as amended)  
18 (As enacted by Chapters 613 and 614 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County  
21 Section 2–101(b) and 9–104(a)  
22 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
23 (2015 Edition, as amended)  
24 (As enacted by Chapters 613 and 614 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2–333.

(b) (1) The Sheriff of Somerset County shall receive an annual salary of not less than [~~\$85,000~~] **\$105,000**.

**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 [~~\$10,000~~] **\$12,000**.

(2) The President of the County Commissioners shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$11,000~~] **\$13,000**.

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 [~~\$10,000~~] **\$12,000** 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 [~~\$11,000~~] **\$13,000**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with 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 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 County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, and 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, 2025.