

HOUSE BILL 844

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CF SB 717

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

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

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

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.



1 (2015 Edition, as amended)

2 (As enacted by Chapters 613 and 614 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2022)

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

5 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

6 2–333.

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

9 **Article 20 – Somerset County**

10 2–101.

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

13 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
14 Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$10,000~~] **\$12,000**.

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

17 9–104.

18 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the members of
19 the County Roads Board shall each receive, in addition to their compensation as County
20 Commissioners, a salary of [~~\$10,000~~] **\$12,000** annually as a member of the County Roads
21 Board.

22 (2) The President of the County Roads Board shall receive, in addition to
23 compensation received as President of the County Commissioners, an annual salary of
24 [~~\$11,000~~] **\$13,000**.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with Article
26 III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
27 the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners
28 of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a
29 member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, or the President of the County
30 Roads Board of Somerset County while serving in a term of office beginning before the
31 effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or
32 compensation of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset
33 County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the
34 County Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of

1 Somerset County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This
2 limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of
3 this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.