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SB 717 – Somerset County – Salaries of Local Officials – Increase
Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and my fellow members of the distinguished Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 717 – Somerset County – Salaries of Local Officials – Increase.

This local legislation would increase and provide updated salaries of the Somerset County Sheriff, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, and members of the County Roads Board of Somerset County to stay competitive with surrounding counties. For reference, the last time salaries were increased was under Senate Bill 439 of 2022.

The Maryland General Assembly sets compensation for these positions for our Commission-style counties which is why this bill is before you today. I have included a list of comparative salaries in other commission-style Maryland county governments for the sheriff and commissioner positions that was provided by the Maryland Association of Counties. This is the total amount Commissioners are paid, including any income from other boards they serve on.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable and swift report on SB 717.