

Chapter 297

**(House Bill 1092)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary’s County – Keeper of the Jail – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions related to the position of Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary’s County; and generally relating to the repeal of the position of Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary’s County.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary’s County  
Section 68–1 and the chapter “Chapter 68. Keeper of the Jail”  
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 19 – St. Mary’s County**

**[Chapter 68. Keeper of the Jail.]**

**[68–1.**

A. The Keeper of the Jail of St. Mary’s County shall be appointed by the Sheriff of St. Mary’s County and shall be paid a reasonable salary by the County Commissioners upon vouchers submitted by the Sheriff to the County Commissioners. The Keeper of the Jail has all the powers of a constable or other peace officer and is directly responsible to the Sheriff for the safekeeping and transportation of prisoners. He is responsible for the safekeeping, care and feeding of all prisoners in the jail from the time they are lawfully committed thereto until they are discharged, released or withdrawn therefrom by the Sheriff or pursuant to a court order or other lawful authority. He shall keep a record of the names, ages, dates when received, the offenses charged and the date of discharge and reason therefor of all persons committed to the jail and shall perform such other duties with respect thereto as the County Commissioners may assign to him.

B. Nothing in this section shall affect the powers and duties of the Sheriff in respect to the safekeeping and custody of all prisoners except if prisoners are within the jail.

C. The Sheriff may appoint other help for the operation of the jail as may be needed. These employees shall be paid reasonable salaries by the County Commissioners upon vouchers submitted by the Sheriff to the County Commissioners. The Commissioners

shall annually appropriate amounts sufficient for the maintenance of the jail and the safekeeping, care and feeding of all prisoners committed thereto.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.**