

Chapter 650

(House Bill 1097)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Local Officials – Salaries

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the members of the St. Mary's County Board of Education, the Chair of the St. Mary's County Board of Education, the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of St. Mary's County, the Associate Judges of the Orphans' Court for St. Mary's County, the Treasurer of St. Mary's County, the President of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, and the members of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salaries of St. Mary's County public officials.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 4–107(e)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 2–108(r)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2017 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 16–203(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 26–3.A.(1) and (2)
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article – Education

4–107.

(e) (5) (I) Each member of the St. Mary’s County Board shall receive the following amounts annually as compensation:

[(i)] 1. Member..... [\$6,000] **\$10,000**
with [an annual increase of \$250 for each additional year of service] **A 1.5% ANNUAL INCREASE**; and

[(ii)] 2. Chairman..... [\$7,000] **\$11,000**
with [an annual increase of \$250 for each additional year of service] **A 1.5% ANNUAL INCREASE**.

(II) **IN ADDITION, EACH MEMBER AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ST. MARY’S COUNTY BOARD SHALL RECEIVE ANNUALLY \$150 FOR EACH YEAR OF SERVICE.**

Article – Estates and Trusts

2–108.

(r) (1) [Each of the judges of the Court for St. Mary’s County shall receive an annual salary of:

- (i) \$9,000 for the calendar year 2015;
- (ii) \$9,000 for the calendar year 2016;
- (iii) \$9,000 for the calendar year 2017; and
- (iv) \$9,000 for the calendar year 2018.

(2) **THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT FOR ST. MARY’S COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$11,000, WITH A 1.5% ANNUAL INCREASE.**

(2) **EACH ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE COURT FOR ST. MARY’S COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$10,000, WITH A 1.5% ANNUAL INCREASE.**

(3) [Each] **IN ADDITION, EACH judge shall [also be]:**

(I) **RECEIVE ANNUALLY \$150 FOR EACH YEAR SERVED; AND**

(II) **BE allowed \$1,000 annually for traveling expenses, payable quarterly.**

Article – Local Government

16-203.

(a) The annual salary of the County Treasurer of St. Mary’s County is:

- (1) ~~[\$50,000]~~ **\$76,000** for calendar year ~~[2015]~~ **2023**;
- (2) ~~[\$50,500]~~ **\$89,000** for calendar year ~~[2016]~~ **2024**;
- (3) ~~[\$51,005]~~ **\$102,000** for calendar year ~~[2017; and]~~ **2025**;
- (4) ~~[\$63,000]~~ **\$115,000** for calendar year ~~[2018]~~ **2026**; AND

(5) BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2027 AND EACH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF THE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR ST. MARY’S COUNTY.

Article 19 – St. Mary’s County

26-3.

A. Salaries.

(1) The President of the County Commissioners shall receive a salary of:

- (a) ~~[Forty-three thousand four hundred thirty dollars (\$43,430.00)]~~ **\$55,000** for calendar year ~~[2015]~~ **2023**;
- (b) ~~[Forty-three thousand eight hundred sixty-four dollars (\$43,864.00)]~~ **\$55,825** for calendar year ~~[2016]~~ **2024**;
- (c) ~~[Forty-four thousand three hundred three dollars (\$44,303.00)]~~ **\$56,662** for calendar year ~~[2017]~~ **2025**; and
- (d) ~~[Forty-four thousand seven hundred forty-six dollars (\$44,746.00)]~~ **\$57,512** for calendar year ~~[2018]~~ **2026**.

(2) Each other Commissioner shall receive a salary of:

- (a) ~~[Thirty-eight thousand three hundred eighty dollars (\$38,380.00)]~~ **\$50,000** for calendar year ~~[2015]~~ **2023**;
- (b) ~~[Thirty-eight thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars (\$38,764.00)]~~ **\$50,750** for calendar year ~~[2016]~~ **2024**;

(c) [Thirty–nine thousand one hundred fifty–two dollars (\$39,152.00)] **\$51,511** for calendar year [2017]; and

(d) [Thirty–nine thousand five hundred forty–four dollars (\$39,544.00)] **\$52,284** for calendar year [2018] **2026**.

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 members of the Board of Education of St. Mary’s County, the Chairman of the Board of Education of St. Mary’s County, the Chief Judge of the Orphans’ Court for St. Mary’s County, the Associate Judges of the Orphans’ Court for St. Mary’s County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary’s County, the President of the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County, and the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s 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 members of the Board of Education of St. Mary’s County, the Chairman of the Board of Education of St. Mary’s County, the Chief Judge of the Orphans’ Court for St. Mary’s County, the Associate Judges of the Orphans’ Court for St. Mary’s County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary’s County, the President of the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County, and the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s 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, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.