

HOUSE BILL 382

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By: **Delegate Otto**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Local Officials – Salaries and Daily Allowance for Traveling**
3 **Expenses**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the salaries of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the State's
5 Attorney for Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County, the
6 President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, members of the County
7 Roads Board of Somerset County, and the President of the County Roads Board of
8 Somerset County and the salaries and daily allowance for certain expenses of the
9 Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County and associate judges of the
10 Orphans' Court for Somerset County; and generally relating to the salaries and daily
11 allowance for traveling expenses of Somerset County public officials.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
14 Section 2–333(b)(1)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Criminal Procedure
19 Section 15–420(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Criminal Procedure
24 Section 15–420(b)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

27 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Estates and Trusts
2 Section 2–101
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Estates and Trusts
7 Section 2–108(s)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
12 Section 2–101(a)
13 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (2015 Edition, as amended)
15 (As enacted by Chapters 167 and 168 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
18 Section 2–101(b)
19 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
20 (2015 Edition, as amended)
21 (As enacted by Chapters 167 and 168 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 The Public Local Laws of Somerset County
24 Section 9–104(a)
25 Article 20 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
26 (2015 Edition, as amended)

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

29 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

30 2–333.

31 (b) (1) The Sheriff of Somerset County shall receive an annual salary of not
32 less than [~~\$75,000~~] **\$85,000**.

33 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

34 15–420.

35 (a) This section applies only in Somerset County.

1 (b) The State's Attorney's salary is [\$113,066] **80% OF THE SALARY OF A JUDGE**
2 **OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.**

3 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

4 2–101.

5 In the estates of decedents law, the word “court” means the orphans’ court in a
6 county, or the court exercising the jurisdiction of the orphans’ court in a county.

7 2–108.

8 (s) (1) The Chief Judge of the Court for Somerset County shall receive an
9 annual salary of [\$3,800] **\$5,200** to be paid quarterly.

10 (2) Each of the associate judges of the Court for Somerset County shall
11 receive an annual salary of [\$3,400] **\$4,800** to be paid quarterly.

12 (3) Each judge shall also receive a daily allowance for traveling expenses
13 of [\$34.50] **\$55** for every day’s attendance on the sessions of the Court.

14 **Article 20 – Somerset County**

15 2–101.

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

18 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each
19 Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of [\$8,500] **\$10,000**.

20 (2) The President of the County Commissioners shall receive an annual
21 salary of [\$9,500] **\$11,000**.

22 9–104.

23 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the members of
24 the County Roads Board shall each receive, in addition to their compensation as County
25 Commissioners, a salary of [\$7,500] **\$10,000** annually as a member of the County Roads
26 Board.

27 (2) The President of the County Roads Board shall receive, in addition to
28 compensation received as President of the County Commissioners, an annual salary of
29 [\$8,500] **\$11,000**.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35

1 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary
2 or compensation of the Sheriff of Somerset County, the State's Attorney for Somerset
3 County, the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County, an associate judge of
4 the Orphans' Court for Somerset County, the County Commissioners of Somerset County,
5 the President of the County Commissioners of Somerset County, a member of the County
6 Roads Board of Somerset County, or the President of the County Roads Board of Somerset
7 County while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but
8 the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Somerset
9 County, the State's Attorney for Somerset County, the Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court
10 for Somerset County, an associate judge of the Orphans' Court for Somerset County, the
11 County Commissioners of Somerset County, the President of the County Commissioners of
12 Somerset County, a member of the County Roads Board of Somerset County, or the
13 President of the County Roads Board of Somerset County shall take effect at the beginning
14 of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed
15 or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2022.