

# SENATE BILL 717

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By: **Senator Carozza**

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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

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### 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:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.