

*County Legislative Delegation for their certification and presentation to the County Commissioners. The aforesaid salaries shall be established in the sound discretion of the resident judge, but AND may be reduced by the County Commissioners ONLY if they deem that he has abused his discretion in establishing said salaries ONLY IF THE PROPOSED SALARIES EXCEED THE HIGHEST SALARIES THEN PAID COMPARABLE COURT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE OTHER CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. For the purposes of this section the senior resident judge shall be that active judge who first took the oath of office as judge of the Circuit Court for Talbot County.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved April 29, 1971

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CHAPTER 296

(House Bill 382)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 28 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as added by Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1963; providing for an administrative officer and other employees for the County Commissioners, specifying some duties of the administrative officer and the administrative assistant, and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 28 of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County (1965 Edition, being Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "St. Mary's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," as added by Chapter 379 of the Acts of 1963, be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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The County Commissioners may, in their discretion, appoint an *administrative officer and an administrative assistant* to the commissioners, and such other [clerical] employees as may be necessary. The commissioners may also determine the [salary] *salaries* of the *administrative officer, the administrative assistant AND* such other employees.

*The administrative assistant shall act as clerk, or, in his absence, the administrative officer, with power and authority to attest the acts of the commissioners and affix the corporate seal.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

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