

requiring notice to be given for open meetings at certain times, in a certain manner and under certain conditions; requiring reasonable facilities for open meetings; providing for the recording of the minutes of all meetings of public agencies; providing for recordings and broadcasts of open meetings; excluding certain agencies from the open meeting requirement; providing for executive sessions of certain meetings under certain conditions; and providing penalties and remedies for a violation of the provisions.

BY adding to

Article 76A - Public Information
Section 7 through 22, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Open Meetings in St. Mary's County"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 143B to be under the new subtitle "Open Meetings"
Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1965 Edition and 1974 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 7 through 22, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Open Meetings in St. Mary's County" be and they are hereby added to Article 76A - Public Information, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 76A - Public Information

OPEN MEETINGS IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY

7. PUBLIC POLICY

IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS COUNTY THAT:

(A) PUBLIC OFFICIALS SHALL CONDUCT THE ENTIRE PROCESS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS IN AN OPEN AND PUBLIC MANNER SO THAT THE ELECTORS ARE ADVISED OF THE PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND OF THE DECISIONS THAT ARE REACHED IN PUBLIC ACTIVITY AND IN MAKING PUBLIC POLICY;

(B) PUBLIC AGENCIES EXIST TO AID IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS;

(C) PUBLIC AGENCIES SHALL DELIBERATE MATTERS, AND TAKE ACTION ON THEM, OPENLY;