CHAPTER 422

(House Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - County Commissioners - Terms

FOR the purpose of removing the restriction prohibiting the St. Mary's County Commissioners from serving more than 3 consecutive terms of office; and submitting this Act to a referendum of the voters of St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County Section 26-1A. Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1978 Edition and October, 1982 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 19 - St. Mary's County

26-1.

St. Mary's County shall be divided into four Commissioners' Districts as follows: The first, second and ninth election districts shall compose the First Commissioner District: the third and sixth election districts shall compose the Second Commissioner District; the fourth, fifth and seventh election districts shall compose the Third Commissioner District; and the eighth election district shall compose the Fourth Commissioner District. Each Commissioner shall be elected as hereinafter provided by the general vote of the county from each of said Commissioner Districts, who shall serve for four (4) years from the date of his election [and shall be eligible to succeed himself, except that no County Commissioner is to be elected to serve more than three (3) full four-year consecutive terms]. A majority of said Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Five (5) County Commissioners are to be elected by the voters of the entire county, of whom one County Commissioner is to be elected from the First Commissioner District, one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected from the Second Commissioner District, one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected from the Third Commissioner District and one (1) County Commissioner is to be elected from the Fourth Commissioner District.