

CHAPTER 63

(House Bill 385)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Human Relations Commission

FOR the purpose of requiring complaints to the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission to be confidential under certain circumstances; providing certain exceptions to the confidentiality requirement; and generally relating to the confidentiality of certain human relations complaints in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County
Section 26-16
Article 19 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1978 Edition and October, 1987 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

26-16.

A. Authorized; purpose. The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County are authorized to establish a Commission on Human Relations for the county, whose purpose it shall be to promote understanding and harmony of relationship between the people of the county through the study of the nature and all causes of social friction and prejudice and the advancement of means for the alleviation of these problems and to otherwise further the American ideal of equality and justice. The Commission shall use its influence and persuasion to direct the community's efforts to the solution of all those problems which many times are the basic reasons for racial tensions. The Commission shall have no legal power.

B. The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the County Commissioners. Special consideration shall be given to the appointment of minority group representatives. Where possible, one (1) member shall be chosen from each of the following: Catholic clergy, ministerial associations, the Board of Education and County Bar Association. The Commission members shall serve for a term of four (4) years,