Approved April 12, 1994.

## CHAPTER 85

(House Bill 1605)

AN ACT concerning

## Washington County - Salary Study Commission

FOR the purpose of establishing a Washington County Salary Study Commission; specifying the composition of the Commission; specifying certain procedures concerning the appointment and operation of the Commission; specifying certain procedures concerning the appointment and operation of the Commission; requiring the Commission to hold public hearings and to provide certain notice of the hearings; requiring the County Commissioners to provide professional staff to the Commission; requiring the County Commissioners to provide funds for advertising of the Commission's public hearings; prohibiting certain individuals from serving on the Commission; requiring the Commission to meet by a specified date and to study the salaries of certain elected and appointed officials; requiring the Commission to make certain recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County for review and recommendation; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to submit the recommendations to the members of the General Assembly whose districts are within or include part of Washington County by a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment and operation of a Washington County Salary Study Commission.

## BY adding to

Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 12-201 through 12-205, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 2. Washington County"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

## Preamble

WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington County are closely monitoring the process by which salaries of County officials are determined; and

WHEREAS, The public's confidence in that process will depend on the degree to which the salary recommendation is removed from the political arena; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Act to create a Salary Study Commission that is nonpolitical and represents a broad spectrum of the County's population; now, therefore,

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