

(5) The County Commissioners [of Dorchester County] shall levy [for each of the years 1979, 1980, and 1981] EACH YEAR on the assessable property of Dorchester County the amounts to be paid to the several volunteer fire companies as determined by the County Commissioners in accordance with this subsection. Before the County Commissioners are required to pay these moneys to the respective fire companies, the Commissioners may require the officers of the fire companies to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any sums of money paid by the Commissioners to the fire companies under this subsection in prior years have been expended for the purposes set forth in this subsection and also that the fire companies are active fire-fighting organizations. If any of the fire companies ceases to remain an active fire-fighting organization or has not used the moneys appropriated to them for the sole purposes set forth in this subsection, the County Commissioners shall allocate the unexpended funds to the contingent fund of Dorchester County.

[(6) The minimum amounts to be paid and distributed to the volunteer fire companies in Dorchester County for the year 1981 shall also apply to 1982 and subsequent years unless they are increased by an act of the General Assembly or by the Dorchester County Commissioners. The provision for levying amounts to be paid to the fire companies shall also apply to 1982 and subsequent years. The County Commissioners shall specify the amount to be received by Elliotts Volunteer Fire Company.]

EXPLANATION: Article 25, § 3(w)(2) through (6) requires the Dorchester County Commissioners to make a certain minimum appropriation to specified fire companies in 1979, 1980, and 1981. The 1981 minimum amounts are to remain in effect in subsequent years. References to 1979 and 1981 are deleted as obsolete. Since this provision establishes an annual minimum appropriation, the specific reference to 1981 also is deleted. Since the figures are statutory minimums, the qualification, "unless [the amounts] are increased by an act of the General Assembly or by the Dorchester County Commissioners" is repealed as implicit.

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(a) Unless otherwise provided in the public local laws of a county, the county commissioners of the several counties shall receive three dollars per day for each day they shall be engaged in the discharge of their duties, and mileage at the rate of ten cents for every mile over five miles from their places of residence.

(b) The following vary the above:

The County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per year each, including mileage, payable monthly by the treasurer of that county; and the County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall meet at their office in the courthouse in Towson on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, and to meet daily for the transaction of the public business from the first Tuesday in March until after the annual levy is made.

(c) The compensation for the County Commissioners of Talbot County shall be as set forth in Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland.