

County beginning with their next term of office from \$12,000 to \$14,000. The salary of the President of the County Commissioners was increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The bill also eliminates the prohibition against a Commissioner receiving any other compensation, except for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of office. While the intent of the amendments to current law was not to eliminate the ability of Commissioners to receive reimbursement for expenses, the bill has that effect.

The Dorchester County Commissioners and the sponsor of Senate Bill 748 have requested that I veto the bill because of this unintended consequence. As the salaries of the Commissioners could not be altered until after the next election, the sponsor and the Commissioners plan to address this issue in the 2002 Session of the General Assembly.

For the above reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 748.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 748

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County - County Commissioners - Salaries

FOR the purpose of increasing the salaries of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County; establishing a salary for the President of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County; repealing a prohibition against the County Commissioners receiving certain compensation; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent County Commissioners and President of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County; and generally relating to the salaries and compensation of the County Commissioners and President of the County Commissioners of Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
The Public Local Laws of Dorchester County
Section 10-2
Article 10 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
(1984 Edition and July 2000 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 10 - Dorchester County

10-2.

A. [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE annual salary of each County Commissioner shall be [twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.)] ~~FIFTEEN~~ FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (~~\$15,000~~ \$14,000). ~~A County~~