

(b) Before January 30, 1993, and before January 30 every 4th year thereafter, the Commission shall make recommendations regarding salaries of the offices in subsection (a) of this section to the County Commissioners.

(C) BEFORE THE COMMISSION SUBMITS ITS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SALARIES OF THE OFFICES IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET WITH EACH PERSON WHO HOLDS AN OFFICE LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IN ORDER TO:

(1) ACQUAINT THE COMMISSION WITH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE PUBLIC OFFICIALS;

(2) OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSION BELIEVES WOULD BE HELPFUL TO COMPLETE ITS WORK; AND

(3) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THE APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION FOR THE OFFICES.

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(a) Within 45 days after receiving the recommendations of the Commission, the County Commissioners shall set by local law the salary for each office included in the recommendations:

(1) Subject to subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) With respect to a public official, in accordance with Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution.

(b) The County Commissioners may accept, reduce, or reject but may not increase the recommendations of the Commission.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding Article 24, § 12-106(a) of the Code, on or before July 1, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County shall set by local law the salary for each office included in the recommendations of the Allegany County Salary Study Commission. Beginning with the terms of the members of the Allegany County Salary Study Commission to be appointed in 2008, the appointment of members to and the meetings and duties of the Allegany County Salary Study Commission and the establishment of the salaries recommended by the Allegany County Salary Study Commission shall be in accordance with Article 24, Title 12, Subtitle 1 of the Code.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

