

ST. MARY'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
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**HB 447**

Local Elections - County Commissioner - District Voting

**OPPOSE**

January 31, 2023

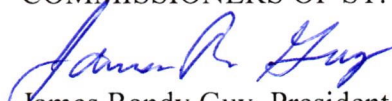
The Honorable Vanessa Atterbeary, Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Room 131, House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Atterbeary:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **oppose** HB 447 Local Elections - County Commissioner - District Voting, which will be heard in the Ways and Means Committee, unless its changes to our government are first approved by the citizens of St. Mary's County via local referendum.

We unanimously oppose HB 447 and request an unfavorable report. We do not believe such a significant change to our citizens' right to vote for all their local officials should be made without their consent.

Sincerely,  
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY

  
James Randy Guy, President

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Cc: Senator Jack Bailey  
Delegate Matthew Morgan  
Delegate Todd Morgan  
Delegate Brian Crosby  
Commissioner Mike Alderson, Jr.  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael Hewitt  
Commissioner Scott R. Ostrow  
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator/County Attorney  
John Sterling Houser, Assistant County Attorney