

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The employees of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office were covered under a collective bargaining agreement for all Allegany County employees for 17 years before a recent Attorney General's opinion resulted in these employees being denied their current rights; and

WHEREAS, Employees of several county and municipal law enforcement agencies have collective bargaining rights; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that the employees of the Allegany County Sheriff's Office provide a unique and compelling case for the granting of certain collective bargaining rights; now, therefore,

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

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

(b) (1) The Sheriff of Allegany County shall receive the salary set by the County Commissioners in accordance with Article 24, Title 11, Subtitle 1 of the Code.

(2) The Sheriff shall appoint not less than five deputies at salaries of at least \$2,400 each who are under the county classified service; one of these deputies shall be assigned by the Sheriff to execute process, orders, and directions for the juvenile court, and to perform the other duties the Sheriff assigns.

(3) A deputy sheriff is entitled to free meals while on duty in addition to the salary provided in this subsection.

(4) If authorized by the County Commissioners, the Sheriff may employ a clerk-bookkeeper under the county classified service at a salary agreed upon by the Sheriff and the County Commissioners. The clerk-bookkeeper shall perform the duties assigned by the Sheriff, including the preparation of reports submitted by the Sheriff's office to the grand jury or the County Commissioners.

(5) If the Sheriff of Allegany County approves after considering personnel needs, the County Commissioners may authorize a deputy sheriff to perform off-duty services for any person who agrees to pay a fee, including but not limited to, hourly rates for off-duty service, any necessary insurance to be determined by the Commissioners, including any fringe benefits and the reasonable rental cost of uniforms or other equipment used by any off-duty personnel.

(6) The Sheriff, with the approval of the County Commissioners, may appoint a chief deputy sheriff who shall perform all legal functions of the Sheriff during any temporary absence, sickness, vacation, or vacancy of office of the Sheriff. The Sheriff may appoint as chief deputy a person who has not served as a deputy sheriff. The chief deputy sheriff shall serve at the Sheriff's pleasure, and is not under the county classified service.