

MANNER AS THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE AN OATH TO FAITHFULLY PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.

(4) APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS; APPLICATION PROCEDURES; QUALIFICATIONS. THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES SHALL BE MADE BY THE BOARD AFTER SUCH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AS THE BOARD MAY BY RULE DEEM SUFFICIENT. ALL APPLICANTS SHALL BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWENTY-ONE (21) AND FORTY-FIVE (45). THE BOARD SHALL PUBLISH NOTICE OF OPENINGS FOR APPLICANTS IN TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS BEFORE APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED. THE NUMBER OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS FROM TIME TO TIME SHALL BE AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. ALL DEPUTIES EMPLOYED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHAPTER WHO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SET BY THE BOARD SHALL BE REAPPOINTED WITHOUT HAVING TO REAPPLY AND SHALL BE GIVEN FULL CREDIT FOR PRIOR SERVICE.

D. SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.

(1) SHERIFF.

(A) THE SHERIFF SHALL DEVOTE FULL TIME TO THE DUTIES OF OFFICE.

(B) THE SHERIFF IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-309 OF THE COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS ARTICLE.

(2) DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

(A) SALARIES. THE SALARIES OF THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS, BASED ON RANK AND LENGTH OF SERVICE, SHALL CORRESPOND TO THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE EMPLOYEES AS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 88B, § 23, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(B) POSITION AND RANK DESIGNATIONS; APPLICABILITY OF STATUTORY SALARY SCHEDULES. AS OF JULY 1, 1979, ALL DEPUTY SHERIFFS SHALL CONTINUE THEIR POSITION WITH THE FOLLOWING RANKS: PATROLMEN I ARE WITHIN RANK I; PATROLMEN II ARE WITHIN RANK II; PRIVATES FIRST CLASS ARE WITHIN RANK III; CORPORALS ARE WITHIN RANK IV, SERGEANTS ARE WITHIN RANK V; SECOND LIEUTENANTS ARE WITHIN RANK VI; FIRST LIEUTENANTS ARE WITHIN RANK VII; CAPTAINS ARE WITHIN RANK VIII; AND MAJORS ARE WITHIN RANK IX. RANK X OF THE SCHEDULE OF ARTICLE 88B, § 23, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF CHARLES COUNTY. ANY CHANGE OR AMENDMENT IN THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF ARTICLE 88B, § 23(A), OF THE ANNOTATED