SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved March 31, 1977.

CHAPTER 39

(Senate Bill 233)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County - Sheriff's Salary

FOR the purpose of increasing the Sheriff's salary in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article — Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 2-309(x)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 2-309(x)(1) of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

(x) (1) The Sheriff of Wicomico County shall receive a salary of [\$10,000] \$15,000. He shall appoint a chief deputy at a salary of at least \$5,000 as set by the Wicomico County Council, payable in equal monthly installments. His term of office coincides with the Sheriff's and he may be removed by the Sheriff at any time. The Sheriff may appoint additional deputies as he and the County Council of Wicomico County deem necessary, and a cook and a matron for the county jail each of whom shall receive the compensation prescribed by the personnel rules and regulations of the county.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the Sheriff in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the Sheriff shall take