

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2-309.

(i) (1) (I) The Sheriff of Cecil County shall receive an annual salary of [~~\$15,000~~] \$20,000 and [free lodging for himself and his family at the jail or, in lieu of free lodging, \$3,600] \$4,800 per year IN LIEU OF LODGING AT THE JAIL. [The Sheriff shall appoint 22 full-time deputy sheriffs. Of the deputies, one shall be chief deputy whose starting annual salary shall be not less than \$10,500 and whose maximum salary, through scheduled steps as provided by the County Commissioners, shall be \$16,000. There shall be two investigators, designated as Investigator I and Investigator II and there shall be a chief jailer. Investigator I shall have a starting annual salary of not less than \$10,500 and a maximum salary, through scheduled steps as provided by the County Commissioners, of \$16,000. Investigator II and the chief jailer shall have starting annual salaries of not less than \$10,000 and maximum salaries, through scheduled steps as provided by the County Commissioners, of \$15,500. The remaining deputies shall receive a starting annual salary of not less than \$9,500 and a maximum salary, through scheduled steps as provided by the County Commissioners of \$15,000. Of the remaining deputies, no less than seven shall be classified as jailer. If any deputy resigns or is fired and subsequently is rehired as a deputy, he may either be paid as if he were hired for the first time or receive credit for previous service.]

(II) THE SHERIFF SHALL APPOINT NOT LESS THAN 30 FULL-TIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS WHOSE TITLES AND DUTIES SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE SHERIFF. THE COMPENSATION OF THESE DEPUTIES SHALL BE SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(III) IF ANY DEPUTY RESIGNS AND SUBSEQUENTLY IS REHIRED, HE MAY EITHER BE PAID AS IF HE WERE HIRED FOR THE FIRST TIME OR RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS SERVICE.

[(2) Any person, other than the Sheriff, enumerated in paragraph (1) who has completed successfully a program in law enforcement training, or correctional officer training, recognized by the Maryland Police Training Commission [or has reached the age of 35 with five years service] shall receive \$500 annually in addition to the salary provided in paragraph (1).]

(2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL PAY THE COST OF ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE SHERIFF AND HIS STAFF. THEY SHALL FURTHER PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE SHERIFF TO PROPERLY EXECUTE THE