

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.

(q) (1) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO:

(I) PROTECT THE RIGHT TO BARGAIN OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF;

~~(II) PRESERVE THE MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS LOCAL 1994; AND~~

~~(III) ENSURE THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEES BE INCLUDED IN AN APPENDIX IN THE MASTER AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

(II) PRESERVE A SINGLE MASTER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT TO THE EXTENT THAT A SINGLE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTS MULTIPLE UNITS OF EMPLOYEES COVERED UNDER THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LAW; AND

(III) STREAMLINE, FACILITATE, AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROCESS BY ENSURING THAT THERE SHALL BE A SINGLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH BOTH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IF A SINGLE EXCLUSIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE REPRESENTS BOTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF EMPLOYEES.

[(1)](2) The Sheriff of Montgomery County shall receive a salary, subject to § 35 of Article III of the Constitution, and an allowance for expenses, as the County Council provides in its annual budget. The County Council shall provide an automobile for the use of the Sheriff and his deputies for the general public work of the office and the expense of operating the automobile shall be paid by the county.

[(2)](3) (i) The Sheriff may appoint 2 full-time assistant sheriffs and the number of deputies provided in the county budget.

(ii) The Sheriff shall also appoint the other clerical and administrative employees provided in the county budget, all of whom shall be paid by the county.

(iii) 1. With the exception of the assistant sheriffs, all full-time deputy sheriffs of all ranks may, upon appointment, be required by the Sheriff to serve a probationary period of 12 months following attainment of sworn status.