

FOR the purpose of increasing the annual salary of the Sheriff of Kent County, beginning with a certain calendar year; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff of Kent County; and generally relating to the annual salary of the Sheriff of Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2–309(p)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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.

(p) (1) The Sheriff of Kent County shall receive a salary of:

(i) \$48,000 for the calendar year 2003;

(ii) \$50,000 for the calendar year 2004;

(iii) \$52,000 for the calendar year 2005; [and]

(iv) \$54,000 for the calendar year 2006; ~~AND~~

(v) \$65,000 ~~PLUS A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007;~~

(VI) \$66,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2008;

(VII) \$67,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009; AND

(VIII) \$68,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010 and each calendar year thereafter.

(2) At the discretion of the County Commissioners, the Sheriff shall receive county-owned automobiles as may be necessary to operate the Sheriff's department.

(3) (i) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff, or the managerial equivalent, who shall:

1. Receive a salary of at least \$8,000; and

2. Serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

(ii) The Sheriff may not refuse to reappoint a deputy sheriff without just cause.

(4) The Sheriff and the Sheriff's deputies shall be paid allowances as the Commissioners may deem necessary.