

House Bill 174, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 593.

Very truly yours,  
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 593**

AN ACT concerning

**Caroline County - Sheriff - Salary**

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Caroline County; providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff of Caroline County; and generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2-309(g)  
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.

(g) (1) The Sheriff of Caroline County shall receive an annual salary of ~~[\$55,000]~~ \$65,000.

(2) (i) The sheriff may appoint:

1. Deputy sheriffs and other personnel in accordance with the county budget; and

2. A chief deputy sheriff, or the managerial equivalent, who shall serve at the pleasure of the sheriff.

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Caroline County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Caroline County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.