

~~deputy--sheriff--to--county--service--shall--be--determined--by--the--county.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That notwithstanding any provision of the county's charter or local law to the contrary, deputy sheriffs in Anne Arundel County on June 30, 1987, may be placed in county merit positions without being required to submit to a competitive hiring process. Any transfer of benefits from service as a deputy sheriff to County service shall be determined by the County.

~~SECTION--3,---AND--BE--IT--FURTHER--ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35, of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the Anne Arundel County Sheriff in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Anne Arundel County Sheriff shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.~~

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) On and after July 1, 1987, the salary of a deputy sheriff in Anne Arundel County who was appointed before July 1, 1987, shall equal or exceed that deputy's salary on June 30, 1987.

(2) On and after July 1, 1987, the number of deputies employed by the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County shall equal or exceed:

(i) the number of deputies employed on June 30, 1987; less

(ii) the number of deputies who were employed as deputies in the Sheriff's office on June 30, 1987, and who have since retired or otherwise voluntarily left the employment of the Sheriff's office.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.