

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.

(c) (1) The Sheriff of Anne Arundel County shall receive a salary [of:

- (i) \$48,700 in calendar year 1998;
- (ii) \$52,550 in calendar year 1999;
- (iii) \$54,025 in calendar year 2000;
- (iv) \$55,540 in calendar year 2001; and

(v) \$57,100 in calendar year 2002] EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CAPTAIN IN THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE HIGHEST RATE IN THE PAY SCALE.

(2) (i) The Sheriff of Anne Arundel County shall appoint deputies at a salary as provided by the County Council.

(ii) The Sheriff may appoint a chief deputy who shall serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

(3) Employees in the Sheriff's office shall be in the county merit system.

(4) In case of emergency, the Sheriff may temporarily deputize any able-bodied citizen to assist [him] THE SHERIFF in carrying out the duties of [his] THE SHERIFF'S office.

(5) The Sheriff and the deputies whose duties require the use of automobiles shall be furnished at no expense with suitable automobiles and any necessary maintenance, repairs or upkeep by the County Council.

(6) (i) The Sheriff may appoint part-time deputies as provided in the county budget.

(ii) A part-time deputy appointed under this paragraph may not work more than 24 hours per week.

(iii) The Sheriff may set the rate of pay for a part-time deputy.

(iv) A part-time deputy appointed under this paragraph is not eligible for any benefits that are provided to county employees, including pension benefits, unless approved by the County Council.

SECTION 2. 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 Sheriff of Anne Arundel 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 Anne Arundel County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.