

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.

(k) (1) (I) ~~[The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III) SUBPARAGRAPH (II) SUBPARAGRAPHS (II) AND (III)~~ OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE Sheriff of Dorchester County shall receive an annual salary of \$45,000 and be allowed the actual operating costs of the Sheriff's office, including the maintenance of automobiles.

(II) ~~FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2009, THE SHERIFF OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY THAT EQUALS 75% OF THE SALARY PROVIDED FOR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OF DORCHESTER COUNTY DURING THOSE YEARS.~~

(III) ~~FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 AND THEREAFTER, THE SHERIFF OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME ANNUAL SALARY AS WAS PAID IN 2009~~ A AN ANNUAL SALARY OF:

1. \$62,500 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006;
2. \$63,500 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007;
3. \$64,500 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2008; AND
4. \$65,500 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR 2009.

(III) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010 AND THEREAFTER, THE SHERIFF OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME ANNUAL SALARY AS PAID IN 2009.

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 Dorchester 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 Dorchester County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today