

**CHAPTER 88**  
**(House Bill 713)**

AN ACT concerning

**Charles County - Sheriff's Salary**

FOR the purpose of altering the salary level at which the Sheriff of Charles County is paid; and providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-309(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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.

(j) (1) The salary for the Sheriff of Charles County is equal to the salary of a Department of State Police [major, Step 4,] LIEUTENANT COLONEL, STEP ~~4-21~~ L-13, under the Department of State Police pay plan in effect on the day prior to the day that the Sheriff begins a term of office.

(2) Any change in the salary paid under the Department of State Police pay plan during the term of office of the Sheriff may not apply to the incumbent Sheriff, but the changed rate shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

(3) The Board of Public Safety of Charles County shall appoint the number of deputy sheriffs it deems necessary.

(4) The books of the Sheriff shall be audited annually, and copies of the audit published by the County Commissioners in local newspapers.

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 in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Sheriff 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, 1998.

Approved April 14, 1998.