

# HOUSE BILL 1157

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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2016

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Assistant Sheriff – Salary and Status**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the assistant sheriff in Calvert County  
4 under certain circumstances; clarifying that the assistant sheriff shall retain full  
5 merit status under certain circumstances; altering the placement and salary of the  
6 assistant sheriff at the end of an appointment under certain circumstances; and  
7 generally relating to the assistant sheriff in Calvert County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 2–309(f)(3)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 2–309.

17 (f) (3) (i) The Sheriff may appoint 1 full–time assistant sheriff who shall:  
18 1. Serve under the direction of the Sheriff; and  
19 2. Be designated by the Sheriff as a line officer.  
20 (ii) The Sheriff shall appoint an individual to serve as the assistant  
21 sheriff who:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                                   1.     Is an active duty deputy sheriff and holds the rank of a  
2 commissioned officer in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office; or

3                                   2.     Is not a current employee of the Calvert County Sheriff's  
4 Office.

5                                   (iii) 1.     The appointment of the assistant sheriff is in the sole  
6 discretion of the Sheriff.

7                                   2.     The Sheriff may appoint the assistant sheriff without  
8 subjecting the candidate to a written examination.

9                                   3.     The assistant sheriff serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

10                                  (iv) 1.     If the assistant sheriff was an active duty deputy sheriff  
11 in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the assistant  
12 sheriff:

13                                   A.     Shall receive an annual salary that [does not exceed by  
14 more than] **IS 6 percent MORE THAN** the salary of the highest ranking officer in the Calvert  
15 County Sheriff's Office;

16                                   B.     Shall retain **FULL** merit status; and

17                                   C.     At the end of an appointment, shall be [permitted to  
18 return to the previous rank the assistant sheriff held prior to appointment, including any  
19 cost-of-living adjustments and salary step increases the assistant sheriff would have  
20 received if the deputy sheriff had not been appointed assistant sheriff] **PLACED AT THE  
21 HIGHEST RANK ON THE APPROVED CALVERT COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF PAY SCALE  
22 AND SHALL RECEIVE THE SALARY REFLECTED AT THE HIGHEST STEP WITHIN THAT  
23 HIGHEST RANK.**

24                                   2.     If the assistant sheriff was not an employee of the Calvert  
25 County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the assistant sheriff:

26                                   A.     Shall receive an annual salary that is established through  
27 a mutual agreement between the Sheriff and the County Commissioners of Calvert County;

28                                   B.     Shall be afforded all the benefits available to full-time  
29 employees in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office; and

30                                   C.     May not be given merit status.

31                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2016.