

Chapter 112

(House Bill 498)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County – Salary of Assistant Sheriff

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of certain assistant sheriffs in Calvert County to be set by the County Commissioners of Calvert County; requiring the County Commissioners to include a certain cost of living adjustment in a certain assistant sheriff’s salary under certain circumstances; prohibiting the County Commissioners from reducing a certain assistant sheriff’s salary without cause; authorizing the Sheriff of Calvert County to negotiate a certain assistant sheriff’s salary; and generally relating to the salary of assistant sheriffs in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(f)(3)(iv)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2017 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.

(f) (3) (iv) 1. If the assistant sheriff was an active duty deputy sheriff in the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office immediately before appointment, the assistant sheriff:

A. Shall receive an annual salary [that is 6 percent more than the salary of the highest ranking officer in the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office] **SET ON APPOINTMENT AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER AS PROVIDED IN THE SHERIFF’S BUDGET APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY;**

B. Shall retain full merit status; and

C. At the end of an appointment, shall be placed at the highest rank on the approved Calvert County Deputy Sheriff Pay Scale and shall receive the salary reflected at the highest step within that highest rank.

2. If the assistant sheriff was not an employee of the Calvert

County Sheriff's Office immediately before appointment, the assistant sheriff:

- A. Shall receive an annual salary that is established through a mutual agreement between the Sheriff and the County Commissioners of Calvert County;
- B. Shall be afforded all the benefits available to full-time employees in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office; and
- C. May not be given merit status.

3. THE ANNUAL SALARY SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1A OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH:

A. SHALL INCLUDE THE SAME COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, IF ANY, APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY FOR COUNTY MERIT EMPLOYEES; AND

B. MAY NOT BE REDUCED FROM THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT CAUSE.

4. THE SHERIFF MAY NEGOTIATE THE SALARY OF THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1A OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2018.