

# SENATE BILL 521

D2, L2

4lr1587  
CF HB 906

---

By: **Senator McKay**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

---

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: February 12, 2024

---

## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Garrett County – Sheriff’s Salary – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of Garrett County; repealing the  
4 requirement for the Garrett County Salary Study Commission to study and issue a  
5 report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff; and  
6 generally relating to the salary of the Sheriff of Garrett County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 2–325(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
14 Section 2–325(b)(1)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County  
19 Section 32.40  
20 Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
21 (2005 Edition and September 2022 Supplement, as amended)

---

### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 2 The Public Local Laws of Garrett County  
 3 Section 32.43  
 4 Article 12 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
 5 (2005 Edition and September 2022 Supplement, as amended)

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

8 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

9 2–325.

10 (a) This section applies only in Garrett County.

11 (b) (1) The Sheriff of Garrett County shall receive an annual salary [of:

12 (i) \$28,250 for calendar year 1991;

13 (ii) \$30,500 for calendar year 1992;

14 (iii) \$32,750 for calendar year 1993;

15 (iv) \$35,000 for calendar year 1994; and

16 (v) For each subsequent year, the salary set by the County  
 17 Commissioners of Garrett County in accordance with Chapter 91 of the Public Local Laws  
 18 of Garrett County] **THAT IS 80% OF THE SALARY OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY OF**  
 19 **GARRETT COUNTY.**

20 **Article 12 – Garrett County**

21 32.40.

22 There is a Garrett County Salary Study Commission.

23 32.43.

24 (A) The Commission shall study the salaries of the:

25 (1) County Commissioners;

26 (2) Board of Education;

27 (3) Board of Supervisors of Elections;

28 (4) Judges of the Orphans’ Court; **AND**

1 (5) Liquor Control Board[; and

2 (6) Sheriff].

3 (B) The Commission may recommend to the County Commissioners an increase  
4 or decrease in the salary of the State’s Attorney, or any office in division (A) of this section.

5 (C) The Commission shall report its recommendations to the County  
6 Commissioners on or before June 30, 1997, and on or before June 30 every fourth year  
7 thereafter.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35  
9 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary  
10 or compensation of the Sheriff of Garrett County while serving in a term of office beginning  
11 before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or  
12 compensation of the Sheriff of Garrett County shall take effect at the beginning of the next  
13 following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected  
14 after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

15 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Delegates.