

Chapter 547

(House Bill 620)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – State’s Attorney and Sheriff – Salaries

FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County; and generally relating to the State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–319
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 15–406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 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

2–319.

- (a) This section applies only in Caroline County.
- (b) The Sheriff of Caroline County shall receive an annual salary equal to **[80%]** **85%** of the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County.
- (c) (1) The Sheriff may appoint:
 - (i) Deputy sheriffs and other personnel in accordance with the county budget; and
 - (ii) A chief deputy sheriff, or the managerial equivalent, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.
- (2) The Sheriff may not refuse to reappoint a deputy sheriff without just cause.

Article – Criminal Procedure

15–406.

(a) This section applies only in Caroline County.

(b) (1) The State’s Attorney’s salary is ~~[80%]~~ **85%** of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland.

(2) The State’s Attorney is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations.

(c) The State’s Attorney may not engage in the private practice of law.

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 State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.