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**By: Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 1996

Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County - Sheriff - Primary Duties**  
3 **Ho. Co. 8-96**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying certain duties of the Sheriff for Howard County.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
7 Section 2-309(o)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 2-309.

14 (o) (1) (i) The Sheriff of Howard County shall receive an annual salary as  
15 follows:

- 16 1. \$39,500 for calendar year 1995;
- 17 2. \$41,000 for calendar year 1996;
- 18 3. \$42,500 for calendar year 1997; and
- 19 4. \$44,000 for calendar year 1998 and thereafter.

20 (ii) The Sheriff shall appoint the number of deputies authorized by the  
21 County government. The compensation of the deputies shall be set by the County  
22 government. A deputy holds office at the pleasure of the Sheriff and may be removed by  
23 the Sheriff at any time or by the Circuit Court for Howard County upon indictment and  
24 conviction as provided by law. The Sheriff may appoint additional temporary deputy  
25 sheriffs when necessary for the public safety and the County governments shall allow them  
26 reasonable compensation. These deputies may not serve longer than the case actually  
27 requires.

28 (2) The primary duties of the Sheriff are the following:

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1 (i) The security of [State and county courts] THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
2 and the performance of such duties as may be required of them by [the courts] THAT  
3 COURT;

4 (ii) The service of process of writs, summonses, orders, petitions,  
5 subpoenas, warrants, orders to show cause, and other legal papers; and

6 (iii) Additional duties, including law enforcement as may be requested  
7 by law enforcement or other criminal justice agencies, the [courts] CIRCUIT COURT, or  
8 the county government, when necessary for the public safety.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 1996.