
By: **Delegate Elmore**
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CHAPTER_____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Deputy Sheriffs - Conditions of Employment**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that deputy sheriffs of Somerset County serve under
 4 the direction of the Sheriff of Somerset County; requiring deputy sheriffs within
 5 a certain time after appointment to complete successfully a certain police
 6 training course; specifying that a deputy sheriff whose position is funded by the
 7 County Commissioners becomes a merit system employee under certain
 8 circumstances and may not be dismissed without cause; providing a certain
 9 exception; and generally relating to deputy sheriffs of Somerset County.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 12 Section 2-309(u)(1)
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

18 2-309.

19 (u) (1) (i) The Sheriff of Somerset County shall receive a salary of not less
 20 than \$48,100 and no expense allowance.

21 (ii) He shall appoint a chief deputy who shall receive a salary of not
 22 less than \$7,500.

1 (iii) Subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, the
2 Sheriff may appoint additional deputies at the compensation set by the County
3 Commissioners prior to any appointment.

4 (IV) DEPUTY SHERIFFS SERVE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE
5 SHERIFF.

6 (V) DEPUTY SHERIFFS ARE REQUIRED, WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER
7 THEIR APPOINTMENT, TO COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY THE COURSE THAT THE
8 MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION PRESCRIBES FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

9 (VI) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS
10 SUBPARAGRAPH, A DEPUTY SHERIFF WHOSE POSITION IS FUNDED BY THE COUNTY
11 COMMISSIONERS BECOMES A MERIT SYSTEM EMPLOYEE OF THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF
12 OF SOMERSET COUNTY ON COMPLETION OF THE DEPUTY SHERIFF'S INITIAL
13 PROBATION PERIOD AND MAY NOT BE DISMISSED WITHOUT CAUSE.

14 2. A DEPUTY SHERIFF WHOSE POSITION IS FUNDED
15 THROUGH A GRANT OR OTHER SOURCE MAY BE DISMISSED WITHOUT CAUSE AFTER
16 THE FUNDING SOURCE IS DEPLETED.

17 [(iv)] (VII) The County Commissioners may appoint a jail warden as
18 the county jailer. Prior to the appointment of any individual, the County
19 Commissioners shall establish an annual rate of compensation for the county jailer.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2006.