

Chapter 302

**(House Bill 1157)**

AN ACT concerning

**Calvert County – Assistant Sheriff – Salary and Status**

FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the assistant sheriff in Calvert County under certain circumstances; clarifying that the assistant sheriff shall retain full merit status under certain circumstances; altering the placement and salary of the assistant sheriff at the end of an appointment under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the assistant sheriff in Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2–309(f)(3)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 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) (i) The Sheriff may appoint 1 full–time assistant sheriff who shall:
  1. Serve under the direction of the Sheriff; and
  2. Be designated by the Sheriff as a line officer.

(ii) The Sheriff shall appoint an individual to serve as the assistant sheriff who:

- 1. Is an active duty deputy sheriff and holds the rank of a commissioned officer in the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office; or
- 2. Is not a current employee of the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office.

(iii) 1. The appointment of the assistant sheriff is in the sole discretion of the Sheriff.

2. The Sheriff may appoint the assistant sheriff without subjecting the candidate to a written examination.

3. The assistant sheriff serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff.

(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 [does not exceed by more than] **IS 6 percent MORE THAN** the salary of the highest ranking officer in the Calvert County Sheriff's Office;

B. Shall retain **FULL** merit status; and

C. At the end of an appointment, shall be [permitted to return to the previous rank the assistant sheriff held prior to appointment, including any cost-of-living adjustments and salary step increases the assistant sheriff would have received if the deputy sheriff had not been appointed assistant sheriff] **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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

**Approved by the Governor, April 26, 2016.**