

Chapter 428

(Senate Bill 298)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Sheriff, County Treasurer, and State's Attorney – Salaries

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Sheriff of St. Mary's County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary's County, and the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the salaries of public officials of St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 2–309(t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 15–419(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Criminal Procedure
Section 15–419(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Local Government
Section 16–203
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2013 Volume and 2016 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.

- (t) (1) The annual salary of the Sheriff of St. Mary's County shall be:
 - (i) \$100,000 for the calendar year 2015;

(ii) \$102,000 for the calendar year 2016;

(iii) \$104,040 for the calendar year 2017; and

(iv) [\$106,120 for the calendar year 2018] **BEGINNING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018, EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, AT THE HIGHEST AVAILABLE STEP FOR A LIEUTENANT COLONEL UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE PAY PLAN IN EFFECT ON THE DAY BEFORE THE DAY THAT THE SHERIFF BEGINS A TERM OF OFFICE (STEP 12).**

(2) The Sheriff shall devote full time to the duties of office.

Article – Criminal Procedure

15–419.

(a) This section applies only in St. Mary’s County.

(b) (1) (i) The State’s Attorney’s salary is [90% of] **EQUAL TO** the salary of a ~~judge of the District Court of Maryland~~ **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE** and shall be paid biweekly.

(ii) A salary increase shall take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the term of office.

(2) (i) The county commissioners shall provide for the administrative support staff, independent office facilities, office equipment, supplies, books, and other items necessary for the operation of the office.

(ii) The State’s Attorney shall present vouchers to the county commissioners for the payment of office expenses.

Article – Local Government

16–203.

(a) The annual salary of the County Treasurer of St. Mary’s County is:

(1) \$50,000 for calendar year 2015;

(2) \$50,500 for calendar year 2016;

(3) \$51,005 for calendar year 2017; and

(4) ~~[\$51,515]~~ **\$63,000** for calendar year 2018.

(b) The County Treasurer of St. Mary's County shall devote full time to the duties of office.

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 Sheriff of St. Mary's County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary's County, or the State's Attorney for St. Mary's 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 Sheriff of St. Mary's County, the County Treasurer of St. Mary's County, and the State's Attorney for St. Mary's 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, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.