

HOUSE BILL 620

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CF SB 341

By: **Delegates Ghrist and Jacobs**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County – State’s Attorney and Sheriff – Salaries**

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 2–319
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Criminal Procedure
13 Section 15–406
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 2–319.

20 (a) This section applies only in Caroline County.

21 (b) The Sheriff of Caroline County shall receive an annual salary equal to [80%]
22 85% of the annual salary of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (c) (1) The Sheriff may appoint:
- 2 (i) Deputy sheriffs and other personnel in accordance with the
3 county budget; and
- 4 (ii) A chief deputy sheriff, or the managerial equivalent, who shall
5 serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff.
- 6 (2) The Sheriff may not refuse to reappoint a deputy sheriff without just
7 cause.

8 Article – Criminal Procedure

9 15–406.

- 10 (a) This section applies only in Caroline County.
- 11 (b) (1) The State’s Attorney’s salary is [80%] **85%** of the salary of a judge of
12 the District Court of Maryland.
- 13 (2) The State’s Attorney is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under
14 the Standard State Travel Regulations.
- 15 (c) The State’s Attorney may not engage in the private practice of law.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35
17 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary
18 or compensation of the State’s Attorney for Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline
19 County while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but
20 the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the State’s Attorney for
21 Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County shall take effect at the beginning of the
22 next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or
23 elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

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