Chapter 616

(House Bill 424)

AN ACT concerning

Constitutional Officers – Salaries

FOR the purpose of providing for the annual salaries of the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State; and generally relating to the salaries of certain constitutional officers of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 4–103, 5–104, 6–103, and 7–107 Annotated Code of Maryland (2021 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - State Government

4-103.

The Comptroller's annual salary shall be:

(1) [\$137,500] **\$165,000** for the first year of the term beginning January [2015] **2023**;

(2) [\$141,500] **\$170,000** starting on the first anniversary of the beginning of the term;

(3) [\$145,500] **\$173,000** starting on the second anniversary of the beginning of the term; and

(4) [\$149,500] **\$175,000** starting on the third anniversary of the beginning of the term and thereafter.

5 - 104.

(a) The Treasurer shall devote full time to the duties of office.

(b) The Treasurer shall address the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly on a semiannual basis and as necessary on issues of legislative importance, including the activities of the Board of Public Works, bond sales, and investment and procurement initiatives.

(c) The Treasurer's annual salary shall be:

(1) [\$137,500] **\$165,000** for the first year of appointment beginning January, [2015] **2023**;

(2) **[**\$141,500**] \$170,000** starting on the first anniversary after appointment;

(3) [\$145,500] **\$173,000** starting on the second anniversary after appointment; and

(4) [\$149,500] \$175,000 starting on the third anniversary after appointment and thereafter.

6-103.

(a) There is an Attorney General of the State, as provided in Article V, § 1 of the Maryland Constitution.

(b) The Attorney General's annual salary shall be:

(1) [\$137,500] **\$165,000** for the first year of the term beginning January, [2015] **2023**;

(2) [\$141,500] **\$170,000** starting on the first anniversary of the beginning of the term;

(3) [\$145,500] **\$173,000** starting on the second anniversary of the beginning of the term; and

(4) [\$149,500] **\$175,000** starting on the third anniversary of the beginning of the term and thereafter.

(c) The Attorney General is also entitled to reimbursement for travel and other expenses that are connected with the duties of the Office.

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The Secretary of State's annual salary shall be:

(1) [\$96,500] **\$112,500** for the first year of appointment beginning January, [2015] **2023**;

(2) [\$99,500] \$116,000 starting on the first anniversary after appointment;

(3) [\$102,500] **\$118,500** starting on the second anniversary after appointment; and

(4) [\$105,500] **\$120,000** starting on the third anniversary after appointment and thereafter.

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 Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, or Secretary of State 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 Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, or Secretary of State 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, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.