

# HOUSE BILL 197

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By: **Chair, Washington County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Sheriff’s Salary – Alteration**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the Washington County Sheriff; repealing the  
4 requirement for the Washington County Salary Study Commission to study and  
5 issue a report that contains recommendations relating to the salary of the Sheriff of  
6 Washington County; and generally relating to the Washington County Sheriff’s  
7 salary.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 2–335(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
15 Section 2–335(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 Article – Criminal Procedure  
20 Section 15–422(a) and (b)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
2 Article – Local Government  
3 Section 28–207  
4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
5 (2013 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

8 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

9 2–335.

10 (a) This section applies only in Washington County.

11 (b) The [Sheriff of Washington County shall receive an annual salary of the  
12 greater of:

13 (1) \$100,000; or

14 (2) The salary set by the County Commissioners of Washington County  
15 under Title 28, Subtitle 2 of the Local Government Article] **SHERIFF’S SALARY IS 90% OF**  
16 **THE SALARY OF THE STATE’S ATTORNEY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

17 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

18 15–422.

19 (a) This section applies only in Washington County.

20 (b) The State’s Attorney’s salary is 90% of the salary of a judge of the District  
21 Court of Maryland.

22 **Article – Local Government**

23 28–207.

24 (a) The Commission shall study the salaries of:

25 (1) the County Commissioners of Washington County;

26 (2) the Washington County Board of Education;

27 (3) the Washington County Board of Liquor License Commissioners;

28 (4) the judges of the Orphans’ Court for Washington County; **AND**

1 (5) [the Sheriff of Washington County; and

2 (6)] the Treasurer of Washington County.

3 (b) On or before the December 1 following appointment, the Commission shall  
4 issue a report that contains recommendations to the County Commissioners of Washington  
5 County for review and consideration.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35  
7 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary  
8 or compensation of the Sheriff of Washington County while serving in a term of office  
9 beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the  
10 salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Washington County shall take effect at the  
11 beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual  
12 appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.