

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

2024 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Third Reader

House Bill 668

(Delegate Pruski)

Environment and Transportation

Judicial Proceedings

Anne Arundel County - Sheriff - Salary

This bill alters the salary of the Anne Arundel County Sheriff to be equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department, at step 20 in the pay scale. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary structure specified in the bill takes effect at the beginning of the next term of office.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures increase by a minimum of \$20,100 in FY 2027 and by at least \$34,400 annually thereafter. County revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The annual salary of the Anne Arundel County Sheriff was last adjusted by Chapter 108 of 2014, which set the salary at \$128,657 for calendar 2014 and \$133,000 for calendar 2015 and each subsequent year.

Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution prohibits the salary or compensation of any public officer from being increased or diminished during the individual's term of office, except those whose full term is fixed by law in excess of four years. According to a letter from the counsel to the General Assembly, dated January 17, 1978, salary increases that

are to be implemented over a period of time are permissible if implemented before the beginning of the term.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County expenditures increase by a minimum of \$20,100 in fiscal 2027 and by at least \$34,400 annually thereafter. Pursuant to constitutional requirements, the salary is not altered until the next term of office. The estimate does not include fringe benefits, accounts for the increase taking effect in December 2026, and is based on the current salary for a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale (\$167,383).

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 658 (Anne Arundel County Senators) - Judicial Proceedings.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel County; Department of Legislative Services

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