

## Chapter 581

**(Senate Bill 1003)**

AN ACT concerning

**Howard County – Sheriff and State’s Attorney – Compensation****Ho. Co. 13–26**

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
 Section 2–327(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – Criminal Procedure  
 Section 15–414(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Criminal Procedure  
 Section 15–414(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2–327.

(b) [(1)] The Sheriff of Howard County shall receive:

(i) An annual salary of \$109,000 for calendar year 2021; and

(ii) (1) For calendar year 2022 [and each subsequent] **THROUGH** calendar year **2026**, an annual salary equal to the salary of a major on step 6 of the Howard County Police Management Schedule for the first year of the Sheriff’s term[.];

(2) [The salary of the Sheriff shall increase annually, according to the Howard County Police Management Schedule, for as long as the individual holds the position of Sheriff] **AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$220,601 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027;**

**(3) AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$227,230 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2028;**

**(4) AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$234,079 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2029; AND**

**(5) AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$241,149 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2030 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR.**

### **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15–414.

(a) This section applies only in Howard County.

(b) The ANNUAL State’s Attorney’s salary is [equal]:

**(1) EQUAL to the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026;**

**(2) \$220,601 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027;**

**(3) \$227,230 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2028;**

**(4) \$234,079 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2029; AND**

**(5) \$241,149 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2030 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with 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 Howard County or the State’s Attorney of Howard 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 Howard County or the State’s Attorney of Howard 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, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.**