

# HOUSE BILL 1122

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By: **Delegate Simmons**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Employees' Pension System – Sheriff of Anne Arundel County – Vesting**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing for a Sheriff of Anne Arundel County vesting rights and a  
4 retirement allowance in the Employees' Pension System after accruing a certain  
5 period of eligibility service; establishing that a Sheriff of Anne Arundel County  
6 elected or appointed on or after a certain date may retire with a normal retirement  
7 allowance after a certain period of eligibility service; and generally relating to the  
8 vesting and retirement allowance of a Sheriff of Anne Arundel County in the  
9 Employees' Pension System.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
12 Section 23–401(f)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – State Personnel and Pensions  
17 Section 29–306  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – State Personnel and Pensions**

23 23–401.

24 (f) (1) (I) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **PARAGRAPH, A** member who begins membership on or after July 1, 2011, may retire with  
2 a normal service retirement allowance if:

3 [(i)] 1. the member completes and submits a written application  
4 to the Board of Trustees stating the date when the member desires to retire; and

5 [(ii)] 2. on or before the date of retirement, the member:

6 [1.] A. has at least 90 years of combined age and years of  
7 eligibility service; or

8 [2.] B. is at least 65 years old and has at least 10 years of  
9 eligibility service.

10 (II) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ELECTED OR APPOINTED AS THE**  
11 **SHERIFF OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026, AND IS A**  
12 **MEMBER, MAY RETIRE WITH A NORMAL SERVICE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IF:**

13 1. **THE MEMBER COMPLETES AND SUBMITS A WRITTEN**  
14 **APPLICATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATING THE DATE WHEN THE MEMBER**  
15 **DESIRES TO RETIRE; AND**

16 2. **ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF RETIREMENT, THE**  
17 **MEMBER:**

18 A. **HAS AT LEAST 90 YEARS OF COMBINED AGE AND**  
19 **YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE; OR**

20 B. **IS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD AND HAS AT LEAST 8 YEARS**  
21 **OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICE.**

22 (2) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, a member who is  
23 subject to the reformed contributory pension benefit under Subtitle 2, Part IV of this title  
24 is entitled to receive a normal service retirement that equals the number of years of the  
25 member's creditable service multiplied by 1.5% of the member's average final  
26 compensation.

27 **29-306.**

28 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE SHERIFF OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.**

29 (B) **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SERVING AS THE SHERIFF OF ANNE ARUNDEL**  
30 **COUNTY WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM:**

31 (1) **HAS VESTING RIGHTS AFTER ACCRUING AT LEAST 8 YEARS OF**

1 ELIGIBILITY SERVICE; AND

2 (2) IS ENTITLED TO A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AS PROVIDED IN  
3 TITLE 23, SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2026.