

SENATE BILL 533

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SB 626/25 – JPR

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By: **Frederick County Senators**
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Sheriff – Salary**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be a
4 certain amount for a certain calendar year; altering the annual salary of the Sheriff
5 of Frederick County to be a certain percentage of the salary of the State’s Attorney
6 for Frederick County for certain subsequent calendar years; and generally relating
7 to the salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 2–324(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
15 Section 2–324(b)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

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 2-324.

2 (a) This section applies only in Frederick County.

3 (b) **(1)** The Sheriff of Frederick County shall receive an annual salary of:

4 **(I) \$125,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026;**

5 **(II) \$175,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027; AND**

6 **(III) 82.5% OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR FREDERICK**
7 **COUNTY'S ANNUAL SALARY INCLUDING ANY INCREMENTS AND SALARY**
8 **ADJUSTMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 15-411(B)(2) OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**
9 **ARTICLE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2028 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR.**

10 **(2) ANY CHANGE IN THE SALARY PAID TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY**
11 **FOR FREDERICK COUNTY DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MAY NOT**
12 **APPLY DURING THE SHERIFF'S CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE, BUT THE CHANGED RATE**
13 **SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING TERM OF OFFICE.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in accordance with Article
15 III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to
16 the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Frederick County while serving in a term of
17 office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act
18 concerning the salary or compensation of the Sheriff of Frederick County shall take effect
19 at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an
20 individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired
21 term. A Sheriff of Frederick County whose term begins after the effective date of this Act
22 may not receive during the term of office of the Sheriff an increase in salary or
23 compensation as a result of the increase in the salary of the State's Attorney for Frederick
24 County if the increase of the salary of the State's Attorney for Frederick County was not
25 fixed at the time the term of office of the Sheriff began.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2026.