

SB 0533 - OPPOSE
Frederick County - Sheriff - Salary
Judicial Proceedings
February 17, 2026

As a resident of Frederick County, I respectfully oppose increasing the Sheriff's salary from \$125,000 to \$175,000 by 2027 for two reasons:

- 1) A 40 % raise is extraordinary and a salary of \$175,000 is excessive and luxurious.
- 2) The current Sheriff, Mr. Charles Austin Jenkins ("Chuck"), has been the "chief of law enforcement" of Frederick County for 20 years. During this time, he has abused his power and been involved in scandals, including weapons smuggling (headlines and links below). This behavior by a law enforcement officer should not be rewarded with a raise, let alone 40%.

- **Charges alleging abuse of power show need to end 287(g) immigration program**
<https://www.aclu-md.org/news/charges-alleging-abuse-power-show-need-end-287g-immigration-program/>

- **Frederick County Sheriff and Gun Dealer Indicted for scheme to illegally acquire machineguns**
<https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/frederick-county-sheriff-and-gun-dealer-indicted-scheme-illegally-acquire-machineguns>

- **Jenkins retakes control over Frederick County Sheriff's Office despite federal indictment**
<https://www.wmar2news.com/local/frederick-sheriff-takes-back-control-despite-being-under-federal-indictment>

I respectfully request an unfavorable report on SB 0533.

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