

**HB1222/513122/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1222  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**County – State’s Attorney Salary**” and substitute “**County, Talbot County, and Frederick County – Criminal Justice Officials Salaries**”; in line 4, after “altering” insert “the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be a certain amount for a certain calendar year; altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County to be a certain percentage of the salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County for certain subsequent calendar years; altering”; in the same line, after “Attorney;” insert “requiring the Talbot County Council to set the salary for the Talbot County State’s Attorney beginning in a certain year;”; in lines 5 and 6, strike “the incumbent State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County” and substitute “certain incumbents”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “the salary of the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney” and substitute “salaries of criminal justice officials”; after line 7, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-324(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2-324(b)

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in line 10, after “15-417(a)” insert “and 15-421(a)”; and in line 15, after “15-417(b)” insert “and 15-421(b)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 5, insert:

“15-421.

(a) This section applies only in Talbot County.

(b) (1) (I) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE State’s Attorney’s salary is 80% of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland.

(II) BEGINNING IN 2028, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL SET THE STATE’S ATTORNEY’S SALARY.

(2) Subject to the approval of the County Council, the State’s Attorney is entitled to a reasonable allowance for the expenses of operating the office, including the costs of:

(i) administrative, clerical, and secretarial expenses, including salaries and benefits;

(ii) telephone charges;

(iii) office supplies and equipment;

(iv) postage;

(v) travel, training, and conferences;

(vi) books and publications; and

(vii) premiums on office bonds.”;

and in lines 8 and 10, in each instance, after “County” insert “or Talbot County”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, after line 19, insert:

**“Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2–324.

(a) This section applies only in Frederick County.

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

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

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

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

**(2)** ANY CHANGE IN THE SALARY PAID TO THE STATE’S ATTORNEY FOR FREDERICK COUNTY DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF MAY NOT APPLY DURING THE SHERIFF’S CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE, BUT THE

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**CHANGED RATE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FOLLOWING TERM OF OFFICE.**

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

“SECTION 3. 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 Frederick 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 Frederick 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. A Sheriff of Frederick County whose term begins after the effective date of this Act may not receive during the term of office of the Sheriff an increase in salary or compensation as a result of the increase in the salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County if the increase of the salary of the State’s Attorney for Frederick County was not fixed at the time the term of office of the Sheriff began.”;

and in line 14, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.