

SENATE BILL 1003

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By: **Howard County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 24, 2026

Assigned to: Rules

Re-referred to: Judicial Proceedings, March 5, 2026

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 19, 2026

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Sheriff and State’s Attorney – Compensation**

3 **Ho. Co. 13–26**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 2–327(b)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – Criminal Procedure

14 Section 15–414(a)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2025 Replacement Volume)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Criminal Procedure

19 Section 15–414(b)

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

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.



(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

1 **(5) \$241,149 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2030 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT**
2 **CALENDAR YEAR.**

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.