

CHARLES COUNTY AND TO SPECIAL AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS THEREIN AND TO THEIR DUTIES AND COMPENSATION AND PROHIBITING ELECTIONEERING BY SPECIAL OR OTHER DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 38, sub-section (h) of Article 87 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supplement), title "Sheriffs", sub-title "Compensation and Duties", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

38. Salaries and expenses; deputies.

(h) Charles County.—(1) The sheriff of Charles County shall receive an annual salary of \$3,600 ~~and he shall also be allowed \$900 per year as an expense allowance.~~ He may appoint not more than ~~[six]~~ *eight* full-time deputies at an annual salary not to exceed ~~\$3,000 each; and may appoint two special deputies who shall each receive an annual [salary of not more than \$2,000; and may appoint such other special deputies, subject to the approval of the county commissioners of Charles County, as may from time to time be deemed necessary, at such annual salaries as the county commissioners shall fix. The Sheriff shall also be allowed \$400 per year for personal expenses.]~~ *minimum salary of \$3,000, said salary to be increased at the rate of not more than \$200 per year to a maximum salary of \$3,600 \$3,400 per year. In addition to the above deputies, the sheriff shall appoint one full-time deputy at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.* ANY DEPUTY TO BE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH INCREASE MUST HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE IN SAID SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ANY SPECIAL DEPUTIES SHALL BE APPOINTED ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION AS SAID COMMISSIONERS SHALL DETERMINE.

(2) The county commissioners of Charles County are hereby authorized to provide such equipment and other personnel as may be requested by the sheriff for law enforcement at an annual cost ~~[not to exceed \$25,000.]~~ *of not less than \$20,000 nor more than \$25,000.* Such equipment and personnel shall consist of

- a. Not more than four new automobiles.
- b. Radio equipment; not more than four radio operators and committing magistrates.
- c. Operating expenses of automobiles, radio equipment, office supplies and other necessary equipment and supplies.

(D) INSURANCE.

(3) The sheriff's office shall be open twenty-four hours a day every day, including Sundays and legal holidays. At least two deputies, a radio operator and/or committing magistrate shall be on duty at all times.

(4) SPECIAL OR DEPUTY SHERIFFS OF CHARLES COUNTY AND ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY ELECTIONEERING EITHER WHILE USING COUNTY EQUIPMENT OR WHILE IN