

public local laws and by the public general laws, and such expenses as are provided by law and by the current practice in the several counties. The State's attorneys shall receive annual payments for office, traveling and other expenses. All payments for salaries and expenses shall be made by the respective counties in equal monthly installments unless otherwise specified. The salaries and expenses are as follows:

(h) (1) In Cecil County, the State's Attorney's salary is [\$22,500] \$38,500 a year and he may serve part time. In addition to the compensation provided for in this section, the State's Attorney[:

(i) For] FOR the operation of his office and the performance of his duties, shall be entitled to a reasonable expense allowance which shall be [subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners; and

(ii) Is eligible to participate in the health care plan that is negotiated for county employees] AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CECIL COUNTY BUDGET.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint [6] ONE DEPUTY AND SUCH assistant State's attorneys AS ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE CECIL COUNTY BUDGET to serve part time at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. [The first assistant State's attorney's salary shall be not less than \$15,000 a year and the remaining assistant State's attorneys' salaries shall be not less than \$13,000 a year each.] THE SALARY OF THE DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY AND THE ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CECIL COUNTY BUDGET.

(3) The DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY AND THE assistant State's attorneys shall have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

(4) The State's [Attorney's appropriation for special work and the employment of extra help is \$500, to be spent only with the approval of the judge of the Circuit Court] ATTORNEY MAY APPOINT CLERICAL, SECRETARIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND OTHER ASSISTANTS AS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE OFFICE. THE SALARIES FOR THESE POSITIONS SHALL BE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CECIL COUNTY BUDGET.

(5) The State's Attorney is the appointing authority for all employees of that office AND THEY SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

(6) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ALL BENEFITS RECEIVED BY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF CECIL COUNTY.

(7) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S ALLOWANCE FOR SPECIAL WORK AND EMPLOYMENT OF EXTRA HELP IS \$1,500 A YEAR, TO BE SPENT ONLY