

shall not be so construed as to include the fees and commissions of the said State's attorney allowed and paid by the State.

1880, ch. 453.

186. The State's attorney shall be *ex officio* counsel to the county commissioners; he shall appear in and prosecute or defend all cases, civil or criminal, where the said county is interested as plaintiff or defendant, except cases where the State is a party; he shall advise the county commissioners, when requested, on all questions of law where the county is concerned, and assist them in all legal inquiries and investigations; and he shall receive such fees for his services rendered to the county as may be proper and just, to be levied by the county commissioners; provided, that the fees allowed him, under the provisions of this section, shall not in any one year exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Ibid.

187. At least ten days before the annual levy is made by the county commissioners, the State's attorney shall make out and present to the said judges, for their inspection and approval, his account for services rendered during the fiscal year past, which account, when approved by them, shall be levied by the county commissioners at the time of making the general levy in each and every year.

Ibid.

188. No compensation for defending any party in any criminal case, shall be allowed to any attorney by the county commissioners, except on presentation of an order in writing, signed by a judge of the circuit court for Wicomico county, certifying in what case services had been rendered, and the amount to be paid for such services.

Ibid.

189. Compensation for any legal services to the county commissioners, or in any cases where the county is required to pay for said services, by any attorney, shall be allowed only when such legal services have been asked for by the State's attorney of said county, and when the State's attorney shall certify to the county commissioners, what services had been rendered.