

CHAPTER 453.

AN ACT to repeal chapter two hundred and twenty-five, passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to regulate the trial fees of the State's Attorney for Wicomico county, and to re-enact the same so as to read as follows :

Trial fees

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all civil or criminal cases where the State's Attorney for Wicomico county appears and tries cases, when it is his duty to appear and try cases as now may be, or may hereafter be prescribed by law, any judge of the first judicial circuit of Maryland, may, in his discretion, allow such additional fees to the State's Attorney of said county, in addition to what is now allowed by law, in each and every case, as the said judge may think just and proper, to be levied by the county commissioners of said county; provided that no additional fees shall be allowed when the total appearances and trial fees allowed by law to said State's Attorney amount to the sum of one thousand dollars in any one year; and provided further, that this act shall not be so construed as to include the fees and commissions of the said State's Attorney allowed and paid by the State of Maryland.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the State's Attorney for Wicomico county shall be ex-officio counsel to the board of county commissioners of said county; that he shall appear and try or defend in all cases, civil or criminal, where the said county is interested as plaintiff or defendant, except in cases where the State of Maryland is a party; that he shall advise the county commissioners, when requested, on all questions of law where the county is concerned, and assist the county commissioners in all legal inquiries and investigations; and the State's Attorney shall receive such fees for his services rendered the county as may be proper and just, to be levied by the county commissioners of said county;