

Howard County shall set the salaries of the Deputy State's Attorney, the Assistant State's Attorneys, and the Administrative Assistant to the State's Attorney with the approval of the County Council, AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL AND SPECIAL AUDITS OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 40(n) of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Attorneys At Law and Attorneys In Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

40(n)

(1) The State's Attorney's salary is \$16,000.00.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's attorney, whose salary shall be set by the County [Council of Howard County, but] *Executive with the approval of the County Council, at not less than \$6,000.00 annually.*

(3) The State's Attorney may appoint such assistant State's attorneys as may be authorized by the County [Council] *Executive* and whose salaries shall be set by the County [Council] *Executive with the approval of the County Council.* The deputy and assistant State's attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney and have the same legal power as the State's Attorney to represent the State before the grand jury and at the trial of criminal proceedings.

(4) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant who is authorized and empowered to collect and distribute moneys payable for the support of dependents under orders issuing from the several courts of this State, or any other state, and to retain two percent of any moneys so collected to be paid to the County Council for Howard County to defray the costs of this service. The administrative assistant's salary shall be set by the County [Council] *Executive with the approval of the County Council.*

(5) THE COUNTY AUDITOR SHALL, NOT LATER THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, EXAMINE THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY AND PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE A COMPLETE FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR. THIS REPORT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIRED BY SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 19 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. SPECIAL AUDITS MAY BE ORDERED AT ANY TIME BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OR COUNTY EXECUTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 213 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 24, 1971.