

*sioner shall cause an investigation to be made to determine if there is reasonable doubt that the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative is not, in fact, the representative of a majority of the employees in the unit. If, as a result of the investigation, it appears to the Commissioner that there is reasonable doubt that the certified or currently recognized bargaining representative does not represent a majority of the employees in the unit, the Commissioner shall order an election to be held to resolve the issue.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.*

Approved May 5, 1972.

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CHAPTER 237

(Senate Bill 744)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 40 (q) of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1968 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Attorneys At Law And Attorneys In Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," relating to State's Attorney for Prince George's County; to create additional assistant State's attorneys; to allow appointment of three assistant State's attorneys as senior assistant State's attorneys; and to increase the salaries for the State's Attorney, deputy State's attorney, principal assistant State's attorney and assistant State's attorneys.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 40 (q) of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Attorneys At Law And Attorneys In Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

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(q) In Prince George's County (1) the State's Attorney's salary shall be [twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per annum.] *equal to the salary of the Circuit judges of the several courts of the eight judicial circuits.* THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$32,500) PER ANNUM. The State's Attorney, during his term of office, shall not, except in connection with and in the performance of his duties as such State's Attorney, appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, magistrate, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political subdivision of this State. It is intended by the provisions herein that the State's Attorney shall not engage in the private practice of law in any matter whatsoever.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint one deputy State's attorney and eighteen full-time assistant State's attorneys. The salary of the deputy State's attorney shall be at such compensation, not exceeding [twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000)] *thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500).* THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) per annum as the State's Attorney may deem proper, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to