SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of the passage.

Approved May 5, 1972.

CHAPTER 328

(House Bill 1155)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 40(i) 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," to provide for the appointment of a deputy and an assistant State's Attorney in Charles County, the method of appointment, their salaries and duties, and to provide for secretarial help for the State's Attorney's office and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 40(i) 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and 1971 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

40(i).

[In Charles County, (1) the State's Attorney's salary is twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000). (2) The State's Attorney may appoint an assistant State's attorney and a secretary. The assistant State's attorney's salary is eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500). The assistant State's attorney has the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

In Charles County, the State's Attorney's salary is twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per annum. He shall appoint a deputy State's Attorney whose salary shall be at such compensation, not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per annum, as the State's Attorney may deem proper, to be paid by the County Commissioners. In addition to the deputy State's Attorney, the State's Attorney may appoint one assistant State's Attorney whose salary shall be fixed by the State's Attorney, with the approval of the County Commissioners, at a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per annum.

The deputy State's Attorney and the assistant State's Attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney and shall perform such work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and may present cases to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of the office as are necessary and proper.