

CHAPTER 617

(House Bill 1243)

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 1972 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," to provide for a salary to be paid to the State's Attorney in Prince George's County commensurate to that of a Circuit Court Judge in Prince George's County; and to allow the appointment of one additional senior assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County.

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and 1972 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows: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 [thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500) per annum.] EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF THE CIRCUIT JUDGES OF THE SEVERAL COURTS OF THE EIGHT JUDICIAL CIRCUITS. 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 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 the county executive and County Council. The salary of the eighteen full-time assistant State's attorneys shall be at such compensation, not exceeding twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500) per annum each, as the State's Attorney may deem proper, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council. In addition to the deputy State's attorney and the eighteen assistant State's attorneys, the State's Attorney may appoint one principal assistant State's attorney and [three] FOUR senior assistant State's attorneys. The salary of the principal assistant State's attorney shall be at such compensation, not exceeding twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500), as the State's Attorney may deem proper, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council. The salary of the [three] FOUR senior assistant State's attorneys shall be at such compensation, not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per annum each as the State's Attorney may deem proper, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council. The deputy State's attorney, the principal assistant State's attorney, the three senior assistant State's attorneys, and the eighteen full-time assistant State's attorneys, during their terms of office shall not, except in connection with and in the performance of their duties as such deputy, principal assistant State's attorney, senior assistant State's attorneys and assistant State's attorneys, appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political subdivision of this State. It is intended by the provisions herein