

(2) The State's Attorney may employ ~~[[a Deputy or]]~~ AN Assistant, who shall be a member of the local bar in good standing. ~~THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY ALSO EMPLOY A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR.~~ The County Commissioners shall fix the compensation of the Assistant State's Attorney, ~~THE INVESTIGATOR AND THE COORDINATOR, who shall INVESTIGATE CASES, PREPARE THE DOCKETS AND~~ ~~[[present such cases to the Kent County Grand Jury and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the Grand Jury, Circuit and District Courts of Kent County, as deemed necessary]]~~ PERFORM SUCH ACTS AND DUTIES AS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST.

(3) After January 1, ~~[[1972]]~~ 1973, the State's Attorney's allowance for clerical hire, rental expenses and general office expenses is ~~[[four thousand dollars (\$4,000)]]~~ FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000). All these expenses shall be paid by the submission of vouchers therefore to, and after approval by, the Board of County Commissioners.

(4) The State's Attorney's special fund allowance for the cost of making investigations is ~~[[two thousand dollars (\$2,000)]]~~ ~~[[ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000)]]~~. Expenditures from this allowance shall be accounted for to the Board of County Commissioners at the end of each year, and any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year reverts to the general fund of the county.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the State's Attorney in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act shall take effect with the next term of office.

SECTION 3. 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 all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 274

(Senate Bill 1105)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 5-118 of Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Real Property," subtitle "Rules of Construction," to provide for the creation of certain conservation easements and the purposes for which they may be created; to provide the manner of enforcement of such easements where they are not granted for the benefit of any dominant tract of land and that as such they shall be inheritable and assignable; to provide for the extinguishment or release of such easement; to provide that in a devise of any property for a certain public use and the failure to specify a devisee, or to specify a devisee legally incapable to receive the property, that the devise passes to the Maryland Historical Trust or the Maryland Environmental Trust; and relating to conservation easements in general.