on the first Monday in July, 1971, is required for the effective operation of the District Court. Except as heretofore provided, all such clerical, administrative and constabular employees shall be appointed by the chief judge of the District Court upon the recommendation of the administrative judge in each district. All constables, clerks, and clerical and administrative employees as may be necessary to conduct the business of the court shall be in the State service.

THOSE PROBATION AGENTS OF A PEOPLE'S COURT, THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, THE MAGISTRATES COURT, OR THE HOUSING COURT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED AS OF THE FIRST MONDAY OF JULY, 1971, TO THE MARYLAND STATE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION AND BECOME PART OF THE STATE CLASSIFIED SERVICE IF FULL-TIME, AND THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE IF PART-TIME, WITH ALL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS THAT ARE AFFORDED STATE EMPLOYEES IN COMPARABLE POSITION, WITHOUT EXAMINATION AND WITHOUT DIMINUTION IN SALARY. THESE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR PRIOR SERVICE WITH THE PRIOR EMPLOYER FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING FUTURE ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS, AND LIKEWISE, SHALL BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32A OF ARTICLE 73B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AS AMENDED, AND SHALL RETAIN CREDIT FOR PAST SERVICE IF IN AN ACTUARIALLY-FUNDED COUNTY, CITY, OR MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM. IT IS OPTIONAL ON THE PART OF A MEMBER TO JOIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 442

(Senate Bill 855)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 40(j)(1) 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 increase the annual salary of the State's Attorney of Dorchester County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 40(j)(1) 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and 1972 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(j) In Dorchester County, (1) the State's Attorney's salary is Ieleven thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) I FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00).