

assistants as full-time assistant State's attorneys at a salary of "[not less than seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) nor more than [twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)] \$22,500 annually as the State's Attorney may determine.]" NOT MORE THAN \$25,000 ANNUALLY The "[four]" TEN assistants designated as full-time assistant State's attorneys shall not engage in the private practice of law.

(4) The State's Attorney may appoint such clerical, administrative and other assistants as in his judgment may be necessary for the proper conduct of his office [, at such compensation as he may deem proper, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney]. Such clerical, administrative and other assistants shall perform clerical and other work as directed by the State's Attorney. ["ALL EMPLOYEES UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII, TITLE "MERIT SYSTEM," OF THE CHARTER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PASSED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THIS CHARTER, AS TO QUALIFICATIONS, COMPENSATION AND OTHER REGULATIONS.]"

(5) The deputy State's attorneys and the assistant State's attorneys shall have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Paragraph 40(d)(4) of this Act shall apply to all full-time employees appointed by the State's Attorney and employed for a period of six months prior to July 1, 1974, and still on duty as of July 1, 1974, and they shall be qualified and employed under said Baltimore County Merit System as to qualifications, compensation and other regulations.]]

SECTION [[3]] 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act shall not be construed to extend or apply to the salary of the State's Attorney in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary of the State's Attorney shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION [[4]] 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.