

required to maintain and staff an office in the Wicomico County courthouse.

(4) The State's Attorney for Wicomico County, with the approval of the [resident judge of the Circuit Court for] Wicomico County CCOUNCIL, may appoint one member of the bar of Wicomico County as the deputy State's attorney, whose salary [shall be determined by the Wicomico County Council, but may not be less than \$10,000] IS \$18,000 ANNUALLY, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for the deputy State's attorney. The deputy State's attorney SHALL SERVE FULL TIME AND may NOT engage in the private practice of law.

(5) In addition to the deputy State's attorney, the State's Attorney for Wicomico County, with the approval of [the resident judge of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, may appoint two members of the bar of Wicomico County as assistant State's attorneys. One assistant State's attorney shall receive a salary as determined by] the Wicomico County Council[, but which may not be less than \$15,000, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for that assistant State's attorney. The other assistant State's attorney shall receive a salary of not less than \$12,000, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for that assistant State's attorney]. MAY APPOINT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS HE CONSIDERS NECESSARY. THE SALARY OF THE ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL. The assistant State's attorneys shall devote their full time and attention to the duties of their office as assistant State's attorneys and may not engage in the private practice of law at any time in any jurisdiction during their tenure of office.

(6) The deputy State's attorney and the assistant State's attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The deputy State's attorney and the [two] assistant State's attorneys have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

[(7) In addition to the deputy State's attorney and the two assistant State's attorneys, the State's Attorney for Wicomico County, may, after obtaining the prior approval of the resident judge of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, and after also obtaining the prior approval of the Wicomico County Council, appoint additional assistant State's attorneys he considers necessary to serve for a particular case or series of cases, the salary of these additional assistant State's Attorneys to be set and approved by the Wicomico County Council.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the