

(i) (1) In Charles County, the State's Attorney's salary is \$20,000 a year; and he shall serve full time. He shall appoint a deputy State's attorney who shall serve full time and whose salary shall be at such compensation, not exceeding \$17,000 a year, as the State's Attorney may deem proper, to be paid by the County Commissioners. In addition to the deputy State's attorney, the State's Attorney may appoint part-time assistant State's attorneys in the number approved by the senior resident circuit court judge. The salaries of these attorneys shall be fixed by the State's Attorney at a sum not exceeding \$12,000 a year, to be paid by the County Commissioners.

(2) The deputy State's attorney and the assistant State's attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney and shall perform such work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and may present cases to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of the office as are necessary and proper.

(3) The deputy State's attorney shall devote full time to the duties of the office and [shall] MAY not engage in the private practice of law at any time in any jurisdiction, during the tenure of office.

(4) The State's Attorney may appoint a special investigator, who shall be directly under the supervision of the State's Attorney and shall perform such work as the State's Attorney may designate from time to time. The salary of the special investigator, who shall serve at the State's Attorney's pleasure, shall be [twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per year] DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The special investigator shall devote his full time and attention to his duties as special investigator and [shall] MAY not engage in other employment during the time he is employed as special investigator.

(5) The County Commissioners shall provide the secretarial help required to handle the business of the State's Attorney's office.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved March 16, 1976.