

the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations and perform whatever other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of the office as are necessary and proper.

(9) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding \$15,000 per annum, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council. The administrative assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the county merit system, but shall be entitled to all benefits provided for county employees under the merit system.

(10) The salary of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's attorney, principal assistant State's attorney, senior assistant State's attorneys and the assistant State's attorneys shall be paid in equal semimonthly installments.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 12, 1977.

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CHAPTER 138

(House Bill 1343)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County - Caroline County Jail

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County to issue and sell serial bonds upon the full faith and credit of the County in an amount not in excess of \$250,000 to be issued in such amounts and at such times as the County Commissioners may designate, for the purposes of renovating, rehabilitating, and improving the county jail in Caroline County; and authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County to levy taxes on the assessable property in the County to provide funds for the payment of interest and principal as the same become payable.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE ~~GENERAL~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the County Commissioners of Caroline County be and they are authorized and empowered