

the State's Attorney and shall pay the expenses of the office, including general operating expenses, cost of equipment, and reasonable costs for secretarial or stenographic needs, or in lieu of providing said space and expenses, shall pay over to the State's Attorney a reasonable allowance to be determined by the County Commissioners from time to time to reimburse the State's Attorney for the costs of his providing the same for the operation of his office. The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's attorney. The deputy State's attorney's annual salary shall be set by the State's Attorney, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The State's Attorney may appoint assistant State's attorneys, as necessary to properly staff his offices, at salaries set by the State's Attorney, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners. [The State's Attorney, the deputy State's attorney, and the assistant State's attorneys shall not be precluded from the private practice of law.]

(2) At such time as both the State's Attorney and the resident judge of the Circuit Court for Carroll County deem it to be necessary, the State's Attorney, with the approval of the resident judge, may appoint an assistant State's attorney. The assistant State's attorney shall be paid such salary as shall be fixed by the County Commissioners from time to time.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may 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 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved April 11, 1978.

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CHAPTER 162

(House Bill 1513)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Electric Lighting Districts

FOR the purpose of permitting the cost of electric lighting provided by an electric lighting district in Somerset County to be paid by a tax levied equally on all parcels of improved property in the district; and clarifying language.