

(4) The annual salary of the principal assistant State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding [\$34,125] \$35,835, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council.

[(5)] (5) The annual salary of the senior assistant State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding \$33,390, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council.]

[(6)] (5) The annual salary of the assistant State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding [\$31,565] \$35,395, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council.

[(7)] (6) The deputy State's attorney, the principal assistant State's attorneys, [the senior assistant State's attorneys] and the assistant State's attorneys, during their terms of office, except in connection with and in the performance of their duties as such deputy State's attorney, principal assistant State's attorneys, [senior assistant State's attorneys] and assistant State's attorneys, may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political subdivision of this State. It is intended by these provisions that the deputy State's attorney, principal assistant State's attorneys, [senior assistant State's attorneys] and assistant State's attorneys not engage in the private practice of law in any manner whatsoever.

[(8)] (7) The deputy State's attorney, principal assistant State's attorneys, [senior assistant State's attorneys] and the assistant State's attorneys shall perform whatever work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and under the direction of the State's Attorney, may present cases to 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)] (8) 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 [\$16,050] \$17,175 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.