

## CHAPTER 690

(House Bill 2051)

AN ACT concerning

## St. Mary's County - State's Attorney

FOR the purpose of altering certain restrictions on the practice of law by the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County; prohibiting the State's Attorney from appearing at certain proceedings; permitting the State's Attorney to engage in the private practice of law under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the practice of law by the State's Attorney for St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact  
Section 40(s)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact

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(s) (1) (I) In St. Mary's County the State's Attorney's salary is \$28,000 per year. During his term of office, the State's Attorney may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally IN A TRIAL OR HEARING before any court, board, commission or agency OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY OR of this State SITTING IN OR CONVENED IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY [or any county or political subdivision of this State], except in connection with and in the performance of his duties as the State's Attorney. [The intent of these provisions is that the State's Attorney not engage in the private practice of law in any matter whatsoever.]

(II) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS SUBSECTION, AND SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTION THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OTHER ATTORNEYS IN ANY PARTNERSHIP OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, BUT MUST BE A ~~SOLE~~ SOLE PRACTITIONER. HE MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW EXCEPT AS TO:

1. WILLS AND ESTATES.
2. TITLE WORK AND SETTLEMENTS.