

(w) In Wicomico County, (1) the State's Attorney's salary is \$24,000 annually. The State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not engage in the private practice of law.

(2) From and after the date of the enactment of this section, the Wicomico County Council shall pay all expenses for the conduct of the office of State's Attorney, including but not limited to clerical and secretarial expenses, telephone charges, office supplies, postage, premium on official bonds the State's Attorney deems necessary for the proper conduct of his office, upon vouchers submitted by the State's Attorney.

(3) The State's Attorney of Wicomico County is required to maintain and staff an office in the Wicomico County courthouse.

(4) The State's Attorney for Wicomico County[, with the approval of the Wicomico County Council,] may appoint [one member of the bar of Wicomico County as the deputy State's attorney, whose salary is \$18,000 annually, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for the deputy State's attorney. The deputy State's attorney shall serve full time and may not engage in the private practice of law] ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS UPON THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SALARIES AS ARE APPROVED BY THE WICOMICO COUNTY COUNCIL.

[(5) In addition to the deputy State's attorney, the State's Attorney for Wicomico County, with the approval of the Wicomico County Council, may appoint additional assistant State's attorneys he considers necessary. The salary of the assistant State's attorney shall be determined by the Wicomico County Council. The assistant State's attorneys shall devote their full time and attention to the duties of their office as assistant State's attorneys and may not engage in the private practice of law at any time in any jurisdiction during their tenure of office.]

[(6)] (5) The [deputy State's attorney and the] assistant State's [attorney] ATTORNEYS shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The [deputy State's attorney and the] assistant State's attorneys have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

[(7)] (6) In addition, the State's Attorney for Wicomico County, with the prior approval of the resident judge of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, and the Wicomico County Council, may appoint additional special assistant State's attorneys he considers necessary, to serve for a particular case or series of cases, upon salaries, terms, and conditions to be set and approved by the Wicomico County Council.