

of his duties as State's Attorney, 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 that the State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice of law.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint two deputy State's attorneys and [17 assistant State's attorneys who shall serve at his pleasure] THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY.

(3) The annual salary of the deputy State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, [but in no event exceed \$32,500] AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY, BUT MAY NOT EXCEED 90 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S SALARY.

[(i) The deputy State's attorneys shall serve full time and be precluded from the private practice of criminal law.]

(4) The annual salaries of the assistant State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's attorney, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY, but [in no event] MAY NOT exceed [the amounts specified below in the various classifications] 80 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S SALARY.

[(i) The salary of 5 assistant State's attorneys shall be set by the State's Attorney and may not exceed \$27,500 annually as the State's Attorney may consider proper and they shall serve full time, and they shall be precluded from the private practice of law.]

[(ii) The salary of 11 assistant State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney but in no event exceed \$25,000 annually as the State's Attorney may consider proper, and they shall serve full time but be precluded from the private practice of criminal law.]

[(iii) The salary of one assistant State's attorney shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney but in no event exceed \$22,500 annually as the State's Attorney may consider proper, and he shall serve part time but be precluded from the private practice of criminal law.]

(5) THE DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND THE ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS SHALL BE PRECLUDED FROM THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF CRIMINAL LAW AND, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE ASSISTANT, SHALL SERVE FULL TIME.

[(5)] (6) The State's Attorney may appoint clerical, administrative, investigative and other assistants