

## (House Bill 781)

## AN ACT concerning

Washington County - State's Attorneys -  
Expenses

FOR the purpose of providing that Washington County is exempted from requirements that the circuit court certify for payment certain expenses of the State's Attorney in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact  
Section 39  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1980 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 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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

39.

It shall be the duty of the respective States attorneys of the counties of this State, in making up their accounts against the board of county commissioners of their respective counties, for all such services and expenses as are properly chargeable against said board of county commissioners, to state fully and particularly the services rendered, and the time and place when and where said services were rendered, and the items of expenses incurred in the proper discharge of their duties, which account may include a reasonable trial fee for each case actually tried, to be allowed in the discretion of the court, as well as the appearance fee provided by law, and a reasonable compensation for all other services performed by him; and which accounts, together with the affidavit of said State's attorneys as to the correctness thereof, and the fairness of the charges therein made, shall be submitted by such State's attorneys to the judges of the circuit courts for their respective counties; and it shall be the duty of said judges to examine said accounts, and if the items thereof are properly chargeable against said county commissioners, and the charges are fair and reasonable, the said judges shall endorse on said accounts their certificate to that effect; and upon the certificate aforesaid of the said judges, or a majority of them, being endorsed upon said accounts, the said accounts shall be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the respective counties and it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the respective counties to pass said accounts as certified to them by said judges, or a majority thereof; and it shall also be the duty