

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact
Section 40(n)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

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

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(n) (1) The State's Attorney's salary shall be equal to the salary of the District Court judges of the trial courts of general jurisdiction of the eight judicial circuits in the State. He may not engage in the private practice of law.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's attorney, whose salary shall be set by the county executive with the approval of the County Council, at not less than \$6,000.00 annually.

(3) The State's Attorney may appoint such assistant State's attorneys as may be authorized by the county executive and whose salaries shall be set by the county executive with the approval of the County Council. The deputy and assistant State's attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney and have the same legal power as the State's Attorney to represent the State before the grand jury and at the trial of criminal proceedings.

(4) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant who is authorized and empowered to collect and distribute moneys payable for the support of dependents under orders issuing from the several courts of this State, or any other state, and to retain two percent of any moneys so collected to be paid to the County Council for Howard County to defray the costs of this service. The administrative assistant's salary shall be set by the county executive with the approval of the County Council.

(5) The county auditor shall, not later than three months after the close of each fiscal year, examine the books and accounts of the State's Attorney and prepare and submit to the County Council and to the county executive a complete financial audit for the preceding fiscal year. This report shall be included in the annual audit required by § 40 of Article 19 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Special audits may be ordered at any time by the County