

(3) The State's Attorney may appoint additional assistant State's attorneys as approved by the Board of County Commissioners and provided for in the Garrett County budget.

(4) The assistant State's attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The assistant State's attorney's salary is not less than \$10,000 a year.

(5) (I) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND IF PROVIDED FOR IN THE GARRETT COUNTY BUDGET, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPOINT INVESTIGATORS.

(II) A STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATOR:

1. IS AT ALL TIMES UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND SUBJECT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY;

2. SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES DESIGNATED BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY;

3. SHALL TAKE AN OATH OF OFFICE SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GARRETT COUNTY;

4. SHALL HAVE AT LEAST:

A. 10 YEARS LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE IN A FEDERAL, STATE, OR COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; OR

B. AT LEAST 5 YEARS LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE IN A FEDERAL, STATE, OR COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLICE SCIENCE OR CRIMINOLOGY FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

5. HAS THE POWER TO ARREST PERSONS COMMITTING OFFENSES OR CRIMES IN GARRETT COUNTY;

6. MAY EXERCISE THE GENERAL POWERS OF A PEACE OFFICER IN GARRETT COUNTY AND MAY WEAR AN APPROPRIATE METALLIC BADGE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY; AND

7. MAY POSSESS AND CARRY FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

(III) INFORMATION OBTAINED BY A STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATOR, AS A RESULT OF ANY INVESTIGATION, SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, AND MAY NOT BE DIVULGED EXCEPT UNDER ORDER BY A COURT OF RECORD OF THIS STATE, OR FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(IV) ~~THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 41, SECTION 70, OF THE CODE RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OR REVOCATION OF COMMISSIONS OF SPECIAL POLICEMEN 70A,~~ OF THE CODE RELATING TO THE POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION APPLY TO THE POSITION OF STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATOR IN GARRETT COUNTY.