

(2) The State's Attorney may employ one or more deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys who shall be members of the local bar in good standing. The salaries of the deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys shall be set by the County Commissioners. The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

(3) The State's Attorney may employ a criminal investigator. The salary of the investigator shall be set by the County Commissioners. The investigator shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

(4) The State's Attorney may employ an administrative coordinator and other administrative and clerical assistants as in the State's Attorney's judgment may be necessary for the proper conduct of the office. The salaries of the administrative coordinator and the administrative and clerical assistants shall be set by the County Commissioners.

(5) The State's Attorney's allowance for general office expenses shall be set by the County Commissioners. Expenses shall be paid by the submission of vouchers for the expenses to, and after approval by, the County Commissioners.

(6) The State's Attorney's special fund allowance for the cost of making investigations is \$4,000. Expenditures from this allowance shall be accounted for to the County Commissioners at the end of each year, and any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year reverts to the general fund of the county.

(7) The State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice of law during the State's Attorney's term of office.

(8) The State's Attorney shall devote full time to the duties of the office.

(9) At the discretion of the County Commissioners, each deputy State's Attorney or assistant State's Attorney may engage in the private practice of law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney for Kent County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney for Kent County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved April 25, 2006.
