

the salaries, compensation, and legal powers of the deputy or assistant State's Attorneys; altering certain provisions of law relating to the payment of expenses for the office of the State's Attorney to provide for a certain allowance for the expenses; altering the authority of the State's Attorney to employ certain administrative and clerical employees; altering certain provisions of law and pension rights relating to the compensation of certain administrative and clerical employees; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the salaries, expenses, and employees of the Dorchester County State's Attorney's office.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Legal Officials

Section 40(j)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 10 - Legal Officials

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(j) (1) In Dorchester County, the State's Attorney's salary shall be 80 percent of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland.

(2) The State's Attorney shall serve full time and WHILE IN OFFICE may not engage in the private practice of law AT ANY TIME IN ANY JURISDICTION.

[(3) The County Commissioners of Dorchester County shall pay all reasonable expenses for the conduct of the State's Attorney's office including, but not limited to, rent, clerical and secretarial expenses, upon vouchers submitted by the State's Attorney.

(4) The State's Attorney may from time to time, if deemed wise or necessary, with the approval of the judge of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County, appoint and fix the compensation of assistant State's Attorneys who shall present such cases to the Dorchester County grand jury and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the grand jury, Circuit and District Court sitting in Dorchester County, as deemed necessary.]

(3) EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH AND IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES AS STATE'S ATTORNEY, WHILE IN OFFICE THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT APPEAR PROFESSIONALLY IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN THIS STATE.

(4) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPOINT WHATEVER NUMBER OF FULL- OR PART-TIME DEPUTY OR ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS AS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL. ALL APPOINTEES SERVE AT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S PLEASURE. THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF THESE PERSONS SHALL BE AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THE DEPUTY OR ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS HAVE THE SAME LEGAL POWERS AS THE STATE'S