

connection with and in the performance of his duties as such State's Attorney, appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, board, commission, or agency of this State or any county or political subdivision of this State. It is intended by the provisions herein that the State's Attorney shall not engage in the private practice of law in any matter whatsoever.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint 2 deputy State's attorneys, and [36] 37 assistant State's attorneys. The deputy State's attorneys, and assistant State's attorneys serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

(3) The annual salary of the deputy State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding [\$50,537] ~~\$53,064~~ \$54,000, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council.

(4) The annual salary of the assistant State's attorneys shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding [\$48,238] ~~\$50,650~~ \$51,000, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council.

(7) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but in no event exceeding [\$22,294] ~~\$24,077~~ \$25,000 per annum, to be paid by the county on the certification of the State's Attorney to the county executive and County Council. The administrative assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the county merit system, but shall be entitled to all benefits provided for county employees under the merit system.

~~(9) -- ALL DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEYS, -- ASSISTANT -- STATE'S ATTORNEYS, -- -- -- ADMINISTRATIVE -- -- ASSISTANTS, -- -- -- INVESTIGATORS, ADMINISTRATIVE -- AIDES, -- CLERKS, -- LEGAL -- ASSISTANTS, -- -- AND -- -- OTHER PERSONNEL -- OF -- THE -- OFFICE -- OF -- THE -- STATE'S ATTORNEY -- ARE SUBJECT TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S EXCLUSIVE CONTROL AND ARE ENTITLED TO -- ALL BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE MERIT SYSTEM.~~

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