

(1981 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact

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(m) In Harford County, (1) the State's Attorney's salary is [\$42,000] \$57,000. Beginning as of January 1, 1975, the State's Attorney, during his term in office, may not, except in connection with and in the performance of his duties as 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 of this sentence that the State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice of law in any manner.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's Attorney whose salary shall not be less than \$15,000.00 yearly, and he may appoint 5 assistant State's Attorneys whose salaries shall not be less than \$10,000.00 yearly, or for those with at least one year's experience, shall not be less than \$12,000 yearly, and such other assistant State's Attorneys as may be authorized by the county executive and County Council of Harford County. All such appointees shall serve at the State's Attorney's pleasure. The salaries and compensation of such persons shall be provided by the county executive and County Council of Harford County. The deputy State's Attorney and the assistant State's Attorneys shall have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

(3) The State's Attorney may appoint a secretary or clerical assistant. The salary of the secretary or clerical assistant shall conform with the exempt classification and pay plan, authorized by the county executive and County Council of Harford County and serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

(4) The State's Attorney may employ clerical, administrative, investigative, and other personnel, as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the office. The salaries and classifications for these employees shall be determined by the State's Attorney, in conformity with the Harford County pay and classification plans, and authorized by the county executive and County Council of Harford County. These employees shall be entitled to all benefits received by similarly classified county employees.

(5) The county government shall pay all reasonable expenses for the conduct of the office of State's Attorney.