THE PROPOSED ORDER TO THE CLAIMANT AND THE CONTRACTOR BY PERSONAL DELIVERY OR BY BOTH REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED. THE PROPOSED ORDER SHALL BE SENT TO THE CONTRACTOR AT THE MOST RECENT ADDRESS ON RECORD WITH THE COMMISSION. CONTRACTOR OR THE CLAIMANT MAY, WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OR RECEIPT OR ATTEMPTED DELIVERY, REQUEST IN WRITING A HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION OR FILE WRITTEN EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROPOSED IF WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE ORDER. PROPOSED CONTRACTOR OR THE CLAIMANT FILES EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ORDER, THE COMMISSION MAY EITHER ISSUE A REVISED PROPOSED BASED UPON THE EXCEPTIONS, OR SCHEDULE A HEARING ON THE CLAIM, OR DISMISS THE CLAIM. IF NO HEARING IS REQUESTED OR IF NO TIMELY EXCEPTIONS ARE FILED TO THE PROPOSED ORDER, THE PROPOSED ORDER SHALL BECOME A FINAL ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

(3) AT ANY CLAIM HEARING, THE BURDEN OF PROOF SHALL BE ON THE CLAIMANT TO ESTABLISH THE VALIDITY OF THE CLAIM.

SECTION 2.—AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved April 12, 1988.

## CHAPTER 43

(Senate Bill 526)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County - Deputy and Assistant State's Attorneys -Salaries

FOR the purpose of removing a certain limitation on the salaries of the Deputy State's Attorney and Assistant State's Attorneys in Charles County; and providing that the salaries may not exceed the State's Attorney's salary.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact Section 40(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1987 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