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(i) (1) In Charles County, the State's Attorney's salary shall be 90 percent of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland. A salary increase shall take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during that term of office. In addition to the compensation provided for in this section, the State's Attorney shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses during his performance of duties, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. Except in connection with and in performance of duties as State's Attorney, while in office the State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, board, commission, or agency of this State or of any of its political subdivisions, or otherwise engage in the private practice of law.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's Attorney. The deputy State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not engage in the private practice of law. The salary of the deputy State's Attorney SHALL BE SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND may not exceed [85 percent of] the salary of the State's Attorney[, as the County Commissioners may deem proper].

(3) The State's Attorney may appoint assistant State's Attorneys in the number approved by the senior resident circuit court judge for Charles County. The assistant State's Attorneys may serve either part time or full time. An assistant State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice of criminal law. The salary of each assistant attorney SHALL BE SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND may not exceed [75 percent of] the salary of the State's Attorney[, as the County Commissioners may deem proper].

(4) The deputy State's Attorney and the assistant State's Attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney and shall perform such work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and may present cases to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform other functions necessary and proper to the operation of the office.

(5) The State's Attorney may appoint clerical, administrative, investigative, and other assistants as the State's Attorney deems necessary for the proper conduct of the office. The salaries for these positions shall be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. The employees shall be entitled to all benefits received by county employees.

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