

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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(w) In Wicomico County, (1) the State's Attorney's annual salary is [\$34,125. Beginning January 5, 1987, the State's Attorney's annual salary shall be 75] 90 percent of a District Court judge's annual salary.

(2) From and after the date of the enactment of this section, the Wicomico County Council shall pay all expenses for the conduct of the office of State's Attorney, including but not limited to clerical and secretarial expenses, telephone charges, office supplies, postage, premium on official bonds the State's Attorney deems necessary for the proper conduct of his office, upon vouchers submitted by the State's Attorney.

(3) The State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not engage in the private practice of law.

(4) The State's Attorney of Wicomico County is required to maintain and staff an office in the Wicomico County courthouse.

(5) The State's Attorney for Wicomico County may appoint assistant State's Attorneys upon the terms, conditions, and salaries as are approved by the Wicomico County Council.

(6) The assistant State's Attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The assistant State's Attorneys have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to represent the State before grand juries and in the trial of criminal proceedings.

(7) In addition, the State's Attorney for Wicomico County, with the prior approval of the resident judge of the Circuit Court for Wicomico County, and the Wicomico County Council, may appoint additional special assistant State's Attorneys he considers necessary, to serve for a particular case or series of cases, upon salaries, terms, and conditions to be set and approved by the Wicomico County Council.

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 Wicomico 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 Wicomico County