

(ii) Unless the State budget provides otherwise, the salary of a deputy attorney general, assistant attorney general, or special attorney appointed under this subsection is payable from the funds of the Office.

(4) Staff is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(b) (1) In addition to any other staff appointed under this section, the Attorney General, with the written approval of the Governor, may employ any assistant counsel that the Attorney General considers necessary to carry out any duty of the Office in an extraordinary or unforeseen case or in special county work.

(2) The Attorney General shall submit to the Governor a written request that:

(i) states the necessity of and each reason for the special employment; and

(ii) states the proposed compensation and its source or certifies that the Attorney General cannot ascertain in advance the proper compensation.

(3) Compensation that cannot be ascertained in advance may be agreed on or adjusted later.

(c) (1) In addition to any other staff appointed under this section, the Attorney General may employ special counsel to defend a State officer or State employee under Title 12, Subtitle 3 of this article if the Attorney General determines that representation by the Attorney General or an assistant is impracticable or uneconomical.

(2) The special counsel is entitled to compensation, as set by the Attorney General and approved by the Board of Public Works, [from the funds of the unit that employs the State officer or State employee who is being defended or as otherwise provided by law] UNDER TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(d) Each deputy attorney general, assistant attorney general, or special attorney appointed under subsection (a) of this section shall be a practicing lawyer of the State in good standing.

(e) (1) The Attorney General may assign any duty that the law imposes on the Attorney General to a deputy attorney general, assistant attorney general, or special attorney appointed under subsection (a) of this section or, to the extent permitted by law, a law clerk.