

CHAPTER 379

(House Bill 698)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - State's Attorney's Employees - County Merit System

FOR the purpose of providing that individuals employed as administrative support staff in the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's office are in the St. Mary's County merit system; specifying that attorneys and investigators in that office serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney; clarifying the effect of this Act on current and future staff; and generally relating to the State's Attorney's staff in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Legal Officials

Section 40(s)(2) and (3)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article 10 - Legal Officials

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(s) (2) (I) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPOINT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF AS NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE OFFICE.

(II) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF POSITIONS ARE IN THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY MERIT SYSTEM.

(III) The County Commissioners of St. Mary's County shall make provisions for all [secretaries] ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF, independent office facilities, office equipment, supplies and books, and any other items necessary for the operation of the State's Attorney's office.

(3) (I) The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's Attorney, two or more assistant State's Attorneys and one or more investigators.

(II) The deputy State's Attorney, the assistant State's Attorneys and the investigators may be part-time or full-time employees AND SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

(III) The County Commissioners shall make available to the State's Attorney an annual sum from which [he] THE STATE'S ATTORNEY shall appropriate salaries for the deputy State's Attorney, the assistant State's Attorneys and the investigators.