

\$16,000, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for such assistant State's Attorney. Such assistant State's Attorney shall devote his full time and attention to the duties of his office as assistant State's Attorney and may not engage in the private practice of law at any time in any jurisdiction during his tenure of office. The other assistant State's Attorney shall receive a salary of not less than \$12,000, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for such assistant State's Attorney. Such assistant State's Attorney may engage in the private practice of law.

(5) AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1998, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL SERVE FULL TIME AND MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW.

(6) The deputy State's Attorney and the assistant State's Attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The deputy State's Attorney and the two 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.

[(6)](7) In addition to the deputy State's Attorney and the two assistant State's Attorneys, the State's Attorney for Worcester County may, after obtaining the prior approval of the resident judge of the Circuit Court for Worcester County and after also obtaining the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County, appoint such additional assistant State's Attorneys as he may deem necessary, the salary of such additional assistant State's Attorneys to be set and approved by the Board of County Commissioners for Worcester County.

[(7)](8) If authorized by an ordinance enacted by the Worcester County Commissioners, the State's Attorney for Worcester County may appoint a special investigator. If a person is appointed special investigator, he shall be directly under the supervision of the State's Attorney and shall perform such work as the State's Attorney may designate from time to time. The salary of the special investigator, who shall serve at the State's Attorney's pleasure, shall be determined by the County Commissioners but may not be less than \$12,000, including any State or federal funds as may be provided for the special investigator. The special investigator shall devote his full time and attention to his duties as special investigator and may not engage in other employment during the time he is employed as special investigator.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, Section 35 of the Constitution of Maryland, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney for Worcester County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney of Worcester County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before this Act becomes effective it shall first be submitted to a referendum of the legally qualified voters of Worcester County at the general election to be held in November of 1996. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Worcester County shall do those things necessary and proper to provide for and hold the referendum required by this section. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are "For the referred law" the provisions of this Act shall become effective on the 30th day following