

compensation of the incumbent State's Attorney; and generally relating to the position of State's Attorney in Queen Anne's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 – Legal Officials

Section 40(r)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 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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(r) (1) [In Queen Anne's County, the annual salary of the State's Attorney shall be set by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County. However, the salary shall be at least \$20,000.] IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY IS 90 PERCENT OF THE SALARY OF A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND. The salary shall be set prior to the date on which a newly elected State's Attorney first assumes his OR HER position during his OR HER term of office.

(2) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW AT ANY TIME IN ANY JURISDICTION DURING THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS TENURE IN OFFICE.

(3) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT APPEAR PROFESSIONALLY IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN THIS STATE, EXCEPT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER POSITION AS STATE'S ATTORNEY.

[(2)](4) The State's Attorney may appoint one or more assistant State's Attorneys with the approval of the County Commissioners AT A SALARY SET BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. [The County Commissioners shall set the annual salary of the assistant State's Attorneys. However, the salary shall be at least \$12,000.]

[(3)](5) The County Commissioners shall furnish the State's Attorney with an office and with a secretary, whose salary shall be determined by the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners shall furnish the State's Attorney with supplies and equipment for the office, as the County Commissioners shall deem appropriate. The County Commissioners shall reimburse the State's Attorney for any actual expenses of the office, which shall be shown by vouchers. The vouchers shall be presented to the County Commissioners for reimbursement.

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 of Queen Anne's 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 queen Anne's County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.