

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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(k) (1) In Frederick County, the State's Attorney's annual salary shall be 80 percent of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint [~~a member~~] ~~TWO MEMBERS of the bar of Frederick County~~ ATTORNEYS as deputy State's [Attorney] ATTORNEYS, to serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. [~~The~~] EACH deputy State's Attorney's annual salary shall be set by the State's Attorney, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. Under the direction of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's [Attorney] ATTORNEYS shall present cases to the grand jury and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the grand jury and in the operation of the office as are necessary and proper.

(3) The State's Attorney and deputy State's [Attorney] ATTORNEYS may not engage in the private practice of law.

(4) The Board of County Commissioners shall provide an office in the courthouse for the State's Attorney. The Board shall pay the expenses of the office, including general operating expenses, cost of equipment, and the reasonable salary of a stenographer to be appointed by the State's Attorney.

(5) The State's Attorney may appoint the number of full or part-time assistant State's Attorneys and other staff personnel as may be approved by the County Commissioners. All such appointees shall serve at the State's Attorney's pleasure. The salaries and compensation of such persons shall be as approved by the County Commissioners. The assistant State's Attorneys shall have the same legal powers as the State's Attorney to present cases to the grand jury and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the grand jury and in the operations of the office as are necessary and proper.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 848 - Environment - Permits - Contested Case Hearings.

This bill repeals provisions of current law relating to contested case hearings on