

(4) The State's Attorney may appoint [additional] assistant State's Attorneys as approved by the County Commissioners and provided for in the Garrett County budget.

(6) (i) Subject to the approval of the County Commissioners and if provided for in the Garrett County budget, the State's Attorney may appoint investigators.

(ii) [A] State's Attorney's [investigator]:

1. Is at all times under the supervision and subject to the rules and regulations of the State's Attorney;
2. Shall perform the duties designated by the State's Attorney;
3. Shall take an oath of office subscribed to before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Garrett County;
4. Shall have at least:
  - A. 10 years law enforcement experience in a federal, State, or county law enforcement agency; or
  - B. 5 years law enforcement experience in a federal, State, or county law enforcement agency and an associate of arts or bachelor of arts degree in police science or criminology from an accredited institution of higher education;
5. Has the power to arrest persons committing offenses or crimes in Garrett County;
6. May exercise the general powers of a peace officer in Garrett County and may wear an appropriate metallic badge as prescribed by the State's Attorney; and
7. May possess and carry firearms or other weapons as required by the State's Attorney.

(iii) Information obtained by a State's Attorney's investigator, as a result of any investigation, shall be kept confidential, and may not be divulged except under order by a court of record of this State, or for the proper administration of justice.

(iv) The requirements of Article 41, Section 4-201 of the Code relating to the Police Training Commission apply to the position of State's Attorney's investigator in Garrett County] INVESTIGATORS SHALL BE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN MARYLAND AND SHALL HAVE THE SAME POWERS, RIGHTS, PROTECTIONS, AND FRINGE BENEFITS AS DEPUTY SHERIFFS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF GARRETT COUNTY.

(7) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY EMPLOY CLERICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, INVESTIGATIVE, AND OTHER PERSONNEL AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE OFFICE. THE SALARIES