

Article 10 - Legal Officials

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(i) (1) In Charles County, the State's Attorney's salary shall be [\$85,000 at the beginning of the State's Attorney's term in 1995 and shall be] ~~87,550 for 1996, 1997, and CALENDAR YEAR 1998] 95 PERCENT OF THE SALARY OF A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND AND 82,550 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR 90% OF THE SALARY OF A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.~~ In addition to the compensation provided for in this section, the State's Attorney shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable expenses during his performance of duties, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. Except in connection with and in performance of duties as State's Attorney, while in office the State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before any court, board, commission, or agency of this State or of any of its political subdivisions, or otherwise engage in the private practice of law.

(2) The State's Attorney may appoint a deputy State's Attorney. The deputy State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not engage in the private practice of law. The salary of the deputy State's Attorney shall be set by the County Commissioners ~~and, after December 31, 1990, may not exceed the salary of the State's Attorney.~~

(3) The State's Attorney may appoint assistant State's Attorneys in the number approved by the senior resident Circuit Court judge for Charles County. The assistant State's Attorneys may serve either part time or full time. An assistant State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice of criminal law. The salary of each assistant attorney shall be set by the County Commissioners and may not exceed the salary of the State's Attorney.

(4) The deputy State's Attorney and the assistant State's Attorneys shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney and shall perform such work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as authorized by law, and may present cases to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform other functions necessary and proper to the operation of the office.

(5) The State's Attorney may appoint clerical, administrative, investigative, and other assistants as the State's Attorney deems necessary for the proper conduct of the office. The salaries for these positions shall be subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. The employees shall be entitled to all benefits received by county employees.

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 Charles County State's Attorney in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the Charles County State's Attorney shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office~~ *increase or diminish the salary or compensation of the incumbent or any future State's Attorney for Charles County during the term of office of the State's Attorney.*