

(I) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY;

(II) RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL; AND

(III) HAVE THE SAME LEGAL POWERS AS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE STATE BEFORE THE GRAND JURY AND IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

(D) OTHER STAFF.

(1) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPOINT A SECRETARY OR CLERICAL ASSISTANT WHO SHALL:

(I) SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY;

AND

(II) RECEIVE A SALARY THAT CONFORMS TO THE EXEMPT CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

(2) (I) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY EMPLOY CLERICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, INVESTIGATIVE, AND OTHER STAFF NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF THE OFFICE.

(II) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE COUNTY PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLANS, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL SET SALARIES AND CLASSIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYEES APPOINTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(III) AN EMPLOYEE APPOINTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH IS ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS AS A SIMILARLY CLASSIFIED COUNTY EMPLOYEE.

(E) RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE.

EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW OR APPEAR AS COUNSEL OR REPRESENT ANY PARTY BEFORE A COURT OR UNIT OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.