

(D) OTHER STAFF.

(1) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY EMPLOY AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WHO MAY:

(I) COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE MONEYS PAYABLE FOR THE SUPPORT OF DEPENDENTS UNDER ORDERS ISSUED FROM COURTS IN THIS STATE OR ANOTHER STATE; AND

(II) RETAIN 2% OF THE MONEYS COLLECTED TO BE PAID TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE SERVICE.

(2) THE SALARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SHALL BE SET BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(E) AUDIT.

(1) NOT LATER THAN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY AUDITOR SHALL EXAMINE THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND PREPARE A FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.

(2) THE FINANCIAL AUDIT SHALL BE:

(I) SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL; AND

(II) INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE COUNTY REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 19, § 40 OF THE CODE.

(3) AT ANY TIME THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCIL MAY ORDER A SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 213 OF THE HOWARD COUNTY CHARTER.

(F) RESTRICTION ON PRACTICE.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW.