

(2) EACH DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY IS:

(I) SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY; AND

(II) ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS AS A COUNTY EMPLOYEE UNDER THE MERIT SYSTEM.

(3) THE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS:

(I) SHALL PERFORM THE WORK DIRECTED BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OR AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND

(II) UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, MAY PRESENT CASES TO THE GRAND JURY, SIGN INDICTMENTS AND CRIMINAL INFORMATIONS, AND PERFORM OTHER NECESSARY DUTIES RELATING TO THE GRAND JURY AND THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE.

(4) (I) IN ADDITION TO THE ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY FILE A PETITION IN CIRCUIT COURT FOR AUTHORITY TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

(II) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL:

1. INCLUDE THE REASONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT IN THE PETITION; AND

2. DELIVER NOTICE OF THE PETITION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

(III) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL MAY FILE A RESPONSE TO EACH PETITION.

(IV) THE COUNTY SHALL PAY THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF AN ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY APPOINTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

(D) SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS.