

(1) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY APPOINT THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(2) (I) IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS 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 SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS.

(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.

(3) THE COUNTY SHALL PAY THE SALARY AND EXPENSES OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) IS DIRECTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY; AND

(II) SHALL PERFORM EACH DUTY DESIGNATED BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.

(5) A SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR APPOINTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION 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.

(E) OTHER STAFF.