office. It is believed that the phrase "color of the office" referred to duties such as collection of revenues and bringing forfeiture actions no longer performed by a modern State's Attorney.

Defined terms: "County" § 1–101 "State's Attorney" § 15–101

## 15-422. WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(A) SCOPE.

THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(B) SALARY.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S SALARY IS 90% OF THE SALARY OF A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.

- (C) DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS.
  - (1) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY SHALL APPOINT:
- (I) AT LEAST ONE BUT NOT MORE THAN TWO DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEYS; AND
- (II) AS MANY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND PROVIDED FOR IN THE COUNTY BUDGET.
- (2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL SET THE SALARIES OF THE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS.
- (3) THE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY.
- (4) UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY OR IN THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S ABSENCE, THE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS SHALL HAVE THE SAME LEGAL POWERS AS THE STATE'S ATTORNEY TO: