

(i) shall perform the work directed by the State's Attorney or as 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.

(d) (1) (i) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant who serves at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

(ii) The salary of the administrative assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney but may not exceed [\$64,000] A MAXIMUM SALARY AUTHORIZED BY LAW BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL.

(iii) [The county shall pay the salary of the administrative assistant on certification of the State's Attorney to the County Executive and County Council.

(iv) The administrative assistant is not subject to the regulations of the county merit system but is entitled to the same benefits as a county employee under the merit system.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to Article III, § 35 of the Maryland Constitution, this Act may not be construed to extend or apply to the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County in office on the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to authorize a different maximum salary than \$115,000 for a deputy State's Attorney, \$107,000 for an assistant State's Attorney, or \$64,000 for an administrative assistant to the State's Attorney unless and until a different maximum salary for the office of deputy State's Attorney or assistant State's Attorney or the administrative assistant to the State's Attorney is authorized by law by the Prince George's County Executive and County Council. This Act may not be construed to authorize a different maximum number of deputy or assistant State's Attorneys than two deputy State's Attorneys or 80 assistant State's Attorneys unless and until a different maximum number of deputy or assistant State's Attorneys is authorized by law by the Prince George's County Executive and County Council.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.