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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 13, 1998  
Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Assistant State's**  
3 **Attorneys**  
4 **PG 305-98**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the number of assistant State's Attorney positions in the  
6 State's Attorney's office in Prince George's County; increasing the annual salary  
7 of the State's Attorney in each calendar year beginning with 1999; increasing  
8 the maximum salaries of the deputy State's Attorneys, the assistant State's  
9 Attorneys, and the administrative assistant in the State's Attorney's office; and  
10 generally relating to the composition of and salaries in the office of the State's  
11 Attorney of Prince George's County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article 10 - Legal Officials  
14 Section 40(q)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 10 - Legal Officials**

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21 (q) In Prince George's County:

22 (1) (i) The State's Attorney's annual salary shall be:

23 [1. \$98,000 for calendar year 1995;

24 2. \$98,000 for calendar year 1996;]

25 [3.] 1. \$101,000 for calendar year 1997; [and]

1 [4.] 2. \$104,000 for calendar year 1998 [and for each  
2 subsequent calendar year.]; AND

3 3. \$115,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999.

4 (II) IN CALENDAR YEAR 2000, AND IN EACH SUBSEQUENT  
5 CALENDAR YEAR, THE STATE'S ATTORNEY'S SALARY SHALL BE INCREASED BY 4%  
6 ABOVE THE AMOUNT FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

7 [(ii)] (III) The State's Attorney may not, except in connection with  
8 duties as State's Attorney, appear as counsel or represent any party professionally  
9 before any court, board, commission, or agency of this State or any county or political  
10 subdivision of this State. The State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice  
11 of law but may participate in the pro bono program administered by the Prince  
12 George's County Bar Foundation.

13 (2) The State's Attorney may appoint [2] TWO deputy State's Attorneys  
14 and [57] 62 assistant State's Attorneys. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant  
15 State's Attorneys serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

16 (3) The annual salary of the deputy State's Attorneys shall be within the  
17 discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed [\$86,500] \$96,000. The salaries  
18 are to be paid by the County on the certification of the State's Attorney to the County  
19 Executive and County Council.

20 (4) The annual salary of the assistant State's Attorneys shall be within  
21 the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed [\$77,850] \$89,000. The  
22 salaries are to be paid by the County on the certification of the State's Attorney to the  
23 County Executive and County Council.

24 (5) The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys,  
25 except in connection with their duties as deputy State's Attorneys and assistant  
26 State's Attorneys, may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally  
27 before any court, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political  
28 subdivision of this State. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys  
29 may not engage in the private practice of law, but may participate in the pro bono  
30 program administered by the Prince George's County Bar Foundation.

31 (6) The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys  
32 shall perform whatever work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as  
33 authorized by law, and under the direction of the State's Attorney may present cases  
34 to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform  
35 whatever other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of  
36 the office as are necessary and proper.

37 (7) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to  
38 serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative  
39 assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed  
40 [\$47,000] \$52,000. The salary is to be paid by the County on the certification of the  
41 State's Attorney to the County Executive and County Council. The administrative

1 assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the County merit system, but  
2 shall be entitled to all benefits provided for County employees under the merit  
3 system.

4 (8) The salary and expenses of the State's Attorney, the deputy State's  
5 Attorneys, and the assistant State's Attorneys shall be paid in equal semimonthly  
6 installments.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 July 1, 1998.