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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Assistant State's**  
3 **Attorneys**  
4 **PG 307-99**

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 maximum  
7 salaries of the deputy State's Attorneys, the assistant State's Attorneys, and the  
8 administrative assistant in the State's Attorney's office; and generally relating  
9 to the composition of and the salaries in the office of the State's Attorney of  
10 Prince George's County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 10 - Legal Officials  
13 Section 40(q)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article 10 - Legal Officials**

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20 (q) In Prince George's County:

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

- 1 1. \$107,775 for calendar year 1999;
- 2 2. \$107,775 for calendar year 2000;
- 3 3. \$111,000 for calendar year 2001; and
- 4 4. \$114,300 for calendar year 2002 and for each subsequent  
5 calendar year.

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

12 (2) The State's Attorney may appoint two deputy State's Attorneys and  
13 [62] 65 assistant State's Attorneys. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant  
14 State's Attorneys serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

15 (3) The annual salary of the deputy State's Attorneys shall be within the  
16 discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed [\$90,000] \$97,000. The salaries  
17 are to be paid by the County on the certification of the State's Attorney to the County  
18 Executive and County Council.

19 (4) The annual salary of the assistant State's Attorneys shall be within  
20 the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed [\$81,000] \$90,000. The  
21 salaries are to be paid by the County on the certification of the State's Attorney to the  
22 County Executive and County Council.

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

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

36 (7) The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to  
37 serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative  
38 assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed  
39 [\$52,000] \$56,000. The salary is to be paid by the County on the certification of the  
40 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 October 1, 1999.