

---

By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2002  
Assigned to: Judiciary

---

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments  
House action: Adopted  
Read second time: March 12, 2002

---

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - State's Attorney's Office - Composition and**  
3 **Salaries**  
4 **PG 309-02**

5 FOR the purpose of increasing the annual salary of the State's Attorney for Prince  
6 George's County beginning with a certain calendar year; ~~altering the number of~~  
7 ~~assistant State's Attorney positions in the State's Attorney's office; 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;~~  
10 providing that this Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the  
11 incumbent State's Attorney; and generally relating to the ~~composition of and~~  
12 ~~salaries in the office~~ salary of the State's Attorney of Prince George's County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article 10 - Legal Officials  
15 Section 40(q)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 10 - Legal Officials**

21 40.

22 (q) In Prince George's County:

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

2                           1.       \$107,775 for calendar year 1999;

3                           2.       \$107,775 for calendar year 2000;

4                           3.       \$111,000 for calendar year 2001; [and]

5                           4.       \$114,300 for calendar year 2002;

6                           5.       ~~\$130,000~~ \$119,900 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2003;

7                           6.       ~~\$135,000~~ \$119,900 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2004; AND

8                           7.       ~~\$140,000~~ \$125,500 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2005; AND

9                           8.       ~~\$142,000 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006~~ and for each

10 subsequent calendar year.

11                       (ii)    The State's Attorney may not, except in connection with duties

12 as State's Attorney, appear as counsel or represent any party professionally before

13 any court, board, commission, or agency of this State or any county or political

14 subdivision of this State. The State's Attorney may not engage in the private practice

15 of law but may participate in the pro bono program administered by the Prince

16 George's County Bar Foundation.

17           (2)    The State's Attorney may appoint two deputy State's Attorneys and

18 ~~{65}73~~ assistant State's Attorneys. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's

19 Attorneys serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney.

20           (3)    The annual salary of the deputy State's Attorneys shall be within the

21 discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed ~~{97,000}~~ \$108,000. The salaries

22 are to be paid by the County on the certification of the State's Attorney to the County

23 Executive and County Council.

24           (4)    The annual salary of the assistant State's Attorneys shall be within

25 the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed ~~{90,000}~~ \$100,000. The

26 salaries are to be paid by the County on the certification of the State's Attorney to the

27 County Executive and County Council.

28           (5)    The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys,

29 except in connection with their duties as deputy State's Attorneys and assistant

30 State's Attorneys, may not appear as counsel or represent any party professionally

31 before any court, board, commission or agency of this State or any county or political

32 subdivision of this State. The deputy State's Attorneys and assistant State's Attorneys

33 may not engage in the private practice of law, but may participate in the pro bono

34 program administered by the Prince George's County Bar Foundation.

35           (6)    The deputy State's Attorneys and the assistant State's Attorneys

36 shall perform whatever work as may be directed by the State's Attorney, or as

1 authorized by law, and under the direction of the State's Attorney may present cases  
2 to the grand juries, sign indictments and criminal informations, and perform  
3 whatever other acts and duties in relation to the grand juries and in the operation of  
4 the office as are necessary and proper.

5           (7)       The State's Attorney may appoint an administrative assistant to  
6 serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney. The annual salary of the administrative  
7 assistant shall be within the discretion of the State's Attorney, but may not exceed  
8 ~~the~~ \$56,000 ~~to~~ \$59,000. The salary is to be paid by the County on the certification of the  
9 State's Attorney to the County Executive and County Council. The administrative  
10 assistant is not subject to the rules and regulations of the County merit system, but  
11 shall be entitled to all benefits provided for County employees under the merit  
12 system.

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

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

22       SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2002.