Chapter 95

(Senate Bill 908)

AN ACT concerning

Calvert County - State's Attorney - Annual Salary

FOR the purpose of altering the salary of the State's Attorney for Calvert County to be equal to the salary of a circuit court judge; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State's Attorney for Calvert County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 15-405

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Criminal Procedure

15-405.

- (a) This section applies only in Calvert County.
- (b) (1) The State's Attorney's salary is [90% of the salary of a judge of the District Court of Maryland] EQUAL TO THE SALARY OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.
- (2) A salary increase shall take effect at the beginning of the elected term of office and may not increase during the term of office.
- (c) (1) Subject to approval of the county commissioners, the State's Attorney shall appoint a deputy State's Attorney and an assistant State's Attorney, as needed.
- (2) The county commissioners shall set the salaries of the deputy and assistant State's Attorneys.
 - (3) The deputy and assistant State's Attorneys:
 - (i) shall serve at the pleasure of the State's Attorney;
 - (ii) shall perform work as directed by the State's Attorney; and
 - (iii) may present cases to the grand jury, sign indictments and

criminal informations, and perform other functions necessary to the operation of the Office.

(d) The State's Attorney shall serve full time and may not engage in the private practice of law.

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 Calvert County while serving in a term of office beginning before the effective date of this Act, but the provisions of this Act concerning the salary or compensation of the State's Attorney for Calvert County shall take effect at the beginning of the next following term of office. This limitation does not apply to an individual appointed or elected after the effective date of this Act to fill out an unexpired term.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July $1,\,2019.$

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2019.