

CHAPTER 546

(House Bill 767)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 40(o) of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," to provide that in Kent County the State's Attorney's expense account shall be increased after a certain date.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 40(o) of Article 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact," subtitle "State's Attorney," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(o) In Kent County, (1) the State's Attorney's salary is eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

(2) The State's Attorney may employ a deputy or assistant, who shall be a member of the local bar in good standing [and who shall be paid by the State's Attorney out of his salary]. *The County Commissioners shall fix the compensation of the Assistant State's Attorney who shall present such cases to the Kent County Grand Jury and perform such other acts and duties in relation to the Grand Jury, Circuit and District Courts of Kent County, as deemed necessary.*

(3) [To and including the year 1970] *After January 1, 1972,* the State's Attorney's allowance for clerical hire, rental expenses and general office expenses is four thousand [five hundred] dollars [(\$4,500)] (\$4,000) [and after January 1, 1971 this allowance shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)]. All these expenses shall be paid [on] *by* the submission of vouchers therefor to, and after approval by, the Board of County Commissioners.

(4) The State's Attorney's special fund allowance for the cost of making investigations is two thousand dollars (\$2,000). Expenditures from this allowance shall be accounted for to the Board of County Commissioners at the end of each year, and any balance remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year reverts to the general fund of the county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 26, 1972.