

**15.765 Salary of county attorney -- Expense allowance -- Compensation adjustment
-- Private practice of law permitted.**

- (1) Each county attorney shall receive for prosecutorial duties an annual salary to be paid out of the State Treasury which shall be the total compensation as county attorney which he received during the calendar year 1976, but which in no event shall be less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); except, however, the annual salary of each county attorney shall be equal to that of each Commonwealth's attorney who is not prohibited from the private practice of law as provided in KRS 15.755(5), effective January 1, 1990.
- (2) Each county attorney shall be paid each month the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500), which sum is declared to be the equivalent of the minimum sum that each county attorney will expend each month in the performance of his official duties directed to be performed for the Commonwealth. The aforementioned sum shall be paid out of the State Treasury.
- (3) In order to equate the compensation of county attorneys with the purchasing power of the dollar, the Department for Local Government shall compute by the second Friday in February of every year the annual increase or decrease in the consumer price index of the preceding year by using 1949 as the base year in accordance with Section 246 of the Constitution of Kentucky which provides that the above elected officials shall be paid at a rate no greater than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per annum. The Department for Local Government shall notify the appropriate governing bodies charged by law to fix the compensation of the above elected officials of the annual rate of compensation to which the elected officials are entitled pursuant to the increase or decrease in the consumer price index. Upon notification from the Department for Local Government, the appropriate governing body may set the annual compensation of the above elected officials at a rate no greater than that stipulated by the Department for Local Government.
- (4) The county attorney shall not be prohibited from engaging in the private practice of law.

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2026-2028 Budget Reference. See State/Executive Branch Budget, 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 168, Pt. I, A, 19, b, (1) at 2058.