

**DETECTIVE PROVIDED FOR IN COUNTIES HAVING A POPULATION OF OVER ONE
MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND INHABITANTS**

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AN ACT

Providing for the appointment by the district attorney, in counties having a population of over one million five hundred thousand inhabitants, of a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives; defining their duties; defining their authority; fixing their salaries, and authorizing the payment of the same, together with the necessary traveling expenses, by the county.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in each and every county of the first class of this Commonwealth, the district attorney may appoint a chief county detective, an assistant chief county detective, and special county detectives not exceeding twenty in number, whose duties it shall be to investigate and make report to the district attorney as to the conduct in office of magistrates, constables, deputy constables, and other officers connected with the administration of criminal justice; to make such investigation and endeavor to obtain such evidence as may be required by the district attorney in any criminal case; and perform such other duties as the district attorney may direct. Said detectives shall be general police officers, and shall have all powers now conferred on constables by existing laws of this Commonwealth so far as they relate to crimes or criminal procedure.

(1 amended Apr. 29, 1925, P.L.352, No.205)

Section 2. The said chief county detective shall receive a salary of six thousand five hundred (\$6,500) dollars per annum, the said assistant chief county detective shall receive a salary of three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) dollars per annum, and ten of the special county detectives shall receive a salary of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) per annum each, and ten of the special county detectives shall receive a salary of two thousand three hundred (\$2,300) dollars per annum each, together with all necessary traveling expenses; which said salary and expenses, having been verified by affidavit of the chief county detective, assistant chief county detective, or special county detective, incurring the same, and approved by the district attorney, shall be paid out of the treasury of the county on a certificate issued by the district attorney, directed to the controller of the county, who shall order warrants for said amounts according to law. In the event of the appointment of a less number of special county detectives than twenty, the district attorney shall have the power to determine in which class, as to salaries, the appointee or appointees shall be placed.

(2 amended June 9, 1941, P.L.97, No.50)