

AN ACT concerning criminal law.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act is amended by changing Sections 4.01 and 7.06 as follows:

(725 ILCS 210/4.01) (from Ch. 14, par. 204.01)

Sec. 4.01. The Office and all attorneys employed thereby may represent the People of the State of Illinois on appeal in all cases which emanate from a county containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, when requested to do so and at the direction of the State's Attorney, otherwise responsible for prosecuting the appeal, and may, with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney prepare, file and argue such appellate briefs in the Illinois Appellate Court and, when requested and authorized to do so by the Attorney General, in the Illinois Supreme Court. The Office may also assist County State's Attorneys in the discharge of their duties under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act, the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act, and the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, including negotiations conducted on behalf of a county or pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement as well as in the

trial and appeal of said cases and of tax objections, and the counties which use services relating to labor relations shall reimburse the Office on pro-rated shares as determined by the board based upon the population and number of labor relations cases of the participating counties. In addition, the Office and all attorneys employed by the Office may also assist State's Attorneys in the discharge of their duties in the prosecution, ~~and trial,~~ or hearing on post-conviction of other cases when requested to do so by, and at the direction of, the State's Attorney otherwise responsible for the case. In addition, the Office and all attorneys employed by the Office may act as Special Prosecutor if duly appointed to do so by a court having jurisdiction. To be effective, the order appointing the Office or its attorneys as Special Prosecutor must (i) identify the case and its subject matter and (ii) state that the Special Prosecutor serves at the pleasure of the Attorney General, who may substitute himself or herself as the Special Prosecutor when, in his or her judgment, the interest of the people of the State so requires. Within 5 days after receiving a copy of an order from the court appointing the Office or any of its attorneys as a Special Prosecutor, the Office must forward a copy of the order to the Springfield office of the Attorney General.

(Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)

Sec. 7.06. (a) The Director may contract for such ~~hire no more than 0~~ investigators to provide investigative services in criminal cases and tax objection cases for staff counsel and county state's attorneys. Investigators may be authorized by the board to carry tear gas gun projectors or bombs, pistols, revolvers, stun guns, tasers or other firearms.

Subject to the qualifications set forth below, investigators shall be peace officers and shall have all the powers possessed by policemen in cities and by sheriffs; provided, that investigators shall exercise such powers anywhere in the State only after contact and in cooperation with the appropriate local law enforcement agencies.

No investigator shall have peace officer status or exercise police powers unless he or she successfully completes the basic police training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or such board waives the training requirement by reason of the investigator's prior law enforcement experience or training or both.

The board shall not waive the training requirement unless the investigator has had a minimum of 5 years experience as a sworn officer of a local, state or federal law enforcement agency, 2 of which shall have been in an investigatory capacity.

(b) The Director must authorize to each investigator employed under this Section and to any other employee of the Office exercising the powers of a peace officer a distinct

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badge that, on its face, (i) clearly states that the badge is authorized by the Office and (ii) contains a unique identifying number. No other badge shall be authorized by the Office.

(Source: P.A. 96-900, eff. 5-28-10.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.