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**GOVERNMENT CODE - GOV**

**TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA [8000 - 22980]** ( Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134. )

**DIVISION 3. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT [11000 - 15990.3]** ( Division 3 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111. )

**PART 2. CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS [12001 - 12790]** ( Part 2 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111. )

**CHAPTER 6. Attorney General [12500 - 12661]** ( Chapter 6 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111. )

**ARTICLE 1. General [12500 - 12504]** ( Article 1 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 111. )

**12500.** The annual salary of the Attorney General includes all services rendered ex officio as member of any board or commission.  
(Amended by Stats. 2007, Ch. 142, Sec. 24. Effective January 1, 2008.)

**12502.** (a) The Attorney General may appoint and fix the salaries of Assistant Attorneys General, Deputy Attorneys General, service agents, experts, and technical and clerical employees as the Attorney General deems necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the Attorney General's office. Each appointee is a civil executive officer.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, but consistent with Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, the Governor, with the recommendation of the Attorney General, shall appoint two directors and two associate directors of the Attorney General's office who shall be exempt from state civil service. Appointments to these exempt positions shall not result in any net increase in the expenditures of the Department of Justice.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 311, Sec. 1. (AB 894) Effective January 1, 2020.)

**12503.** No person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney General unless that person has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the state for a period of at least five years immediately preceding that person's election or appointment to this office.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 50, Sec. 89. (AB 378) Effective January 1, 2022.)

**12504.** The Attorney General shall not engage in the private practice of law, nor shall the Attorney General be associated directly or indirectly with any attorney in private practice, but instead shall devote the Attorney General's entire time to the service of the state.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 50, Sec. 90. (AB 378) Effective January 1, 2022.)