

Commission", subheading "Article I. In General", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

59-12.

(a) The commission [is authorized and directed to establish a merit system or classified service] shall put into effect the merit system adopted pursuant to this section. In it shall be included all the employees of the commission, except the commissioners, the heads of the several departments and ~~the~~ ALL assistant general counsel. [The commission further is authorized to make such rules and regulations as, in its judgment, are necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this section. The rules and regulations from time to time may be abolished, supplemented, changed, or amended; except that any such rule and regulation and any change in them or addition to them shall not be effective until it has been approved by the State Commissioner of Personnel.]

(b) *For the purpose of making and adopting the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, there is created the Merit System Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Board shall consist of five persons- APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION. Two members of the Board shall reside in and be selected by the members of the Commission from Montgomery County, one of whom shall be one of the Montgomery County members of the Commission and the other of whom shall be selected by these Montgomery County members from outside their number, who shall have knowledge of or experience in personnel administration. Two members of the Board shall reside in and represent Prince George's County and shall be selected by the members of the Commission from Prince George's County, one of whom shall be one of the Prince George's County members of the Commission and the other of whom shall be selected by the Prince George's County members from outside their number, who shall have knowledge of or experience in personnel administration. The fifth member of the Board shall always be the person who is the State Commissioner of Personnel. The four members of the Board representing the counties of Montgomery and Prince George's shall serve for terms of four years each beginning on June 1, 1966. Vacancies on the Board are filled in the same manner as for the making of original appointments. If in 1966 or in any fourth year thereafter, the appointments of any or more of the four county members required herein have not been made as provided herein, on and after July 1 the Governor of Maryland shall appoint one or more qualified persons to the Board.*

(c) *As soon as possible after its appointment in 1966, the Board shall prepare and adopt comprehensive rules and regulations governing the operations of the Merit System for Commission employees. The Board in its discretion shall determine the scope and applicability of the regulations, and any exemptions therefrom, within the restrictions of this section. The regulations may be abolished, supplemented, changed or amended from time to time by the Board in its discretion. Upon adoption of a comprehensive plan and any subsequent modifications, they shall become effective upon filing with the Commission.*

(d) *The Commission shall make available to the Board its records, facilities and any employees necessary in the preparation of rules and regulations.*