

authorized representatives of the results thereof shall be final, and the Commissioner or his duly authorized representatives shall issue to the parties a certification of the results of the election, including certification of representatives where appropriate.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 23, 1971.

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CHAPTER 95

(Senate Bill 603)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 13, 14, 27 (a) and 41 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," to correct certain erroneous language and references therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 13, 14, 27 (a) and 41 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and all to read as follows:

13.

The Secretary of Personnel is authorized and empowered to prepare, without examination, special lists of eligibles of persons certified by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education to be physically capable and adequately trained to qualify for a position in the classified service. The use of such special lists of eligibles shall be optional with the appointing authority; provided that the Secretary, in his discretion, may fix the maximum number of persons who may be appointed from such special lists of eligibles by any appointing authority.

14.

It shall be the duty of all officers and employees of this State, at the request of the Secretary of Personnel to aid the Secretary in all proper ways in carrying out the provisions of this article; and of the rules made under it; such duties to be performed without extra compensation and as a part of the public duties of such persons.

It shall also be the duty of all officers and employees of this State and of the several counties and municipalities thereof to allow the reasonable use of public buildings and rooms, and to heat and light the same for the holding of any examinations or investigations provided for in this article, and in all proper ways to facilitate the work of the Secretary.

27.

(a) After consultation with appointing authorities, the Secretary of Personnel shall prepare and recommend to the Governor a pay