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CHAPTER 234  
(House Bill 307)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 89 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "1. The Executive Department," subheading "Secretary of State," and **to add a new Section 8A to Article 64A of the said Code (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, to provide for the permanent office of Assistant Secretary of State under the merit system.**

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 89 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "1. The Executive Department," subheading "Secretary of State," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

89.

**The Governor is authorized and empowered [ , in case of the sickness or absence of the Secretary of State,] to appoint [ , temporarily,] an assistant to the Secretary of State, who shall be empowered to discharge all the duties imposed by law upon said Secretary during his illness or absence from the seat of government [ ; and the Governor is authorized to pay, out of the Executive Contingent Fund, for such services, a salary not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars per month].**

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a new Section 8A be and

it is hereby added to Article 64A of the said Code (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 8 thereof, and to read as follows:

8A.

*On and after July 1, 1965, the Assistant Secretary of State shall be included in the classified service of the State. The present Assistant Secretary of State shall hold his position without examination.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved April 8, 1965.

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