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confirmation and the procedure with respect thereto shall be the same as provided for in this section for other appointments by the Mayor and confirmation by the City Council. * * *

Section 13. "Employees - Appointment, etc. The heads of departments, municipal officers not embraced in a department, commissions and boards shall have the sole power of appointment and removal of all deputies, assistants, clerks and subordinate employees employed by them, subject to the provisions of Sections 150 to 152, * * *." Sections 150 to 152 of the Charter relate to the Civil Service Commission.

Summary

In summation and applying the provisions of the aforementioned sections of the Baltimore City Charter in connection with a death, or permanent inability to act, of the top officers or officials of Baltimore City as a result of a national emergency, it appears that:

1. In the event of the death of the Mayor, the President of the City Council would then take over the office of the Mayor for the residue of the term to which the deceased Mayor had been elected;
2. If the President of the City Council becomes a casualty or it becomes necessary for such officer to assume the office of Mayor, then the City Council has the power to elect a new President for the unexpired term of his predecessor;
3. The Governor of the State is empowered to fill vacancies in the City Council in the event that the deaths of a majority of its members render that body unable to pursue its normal function;
4. In the case of the death of the Comptroller, the Deputy Comptroller performs the duties of that office until a new Comptroller is selected by the City Council;