

Commissioner" was passed in 1920. The basic Law has not been amended in any material manner since its passage. The statute provides that "The State Employment Commissioner" prepare and publish Rules and Regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act, which, when approved by the Governor, shall have the force of law. The Rules, like the Law itself, have shown but few and unimportant amendments. The Law is efficient, workable and its stability has enabled its provisions to be well known and understood by all State employees. The Rules of the Commissioner are sound, and are intended to safe-guard not only the employee, but the taxpayer. The Merit System, as applied to the State service, functions, not only as a technically professional exemplification of advanced ideas in public employment, but as a procurement agency charged with the duty of supplying State departments and institutions with the most competent personnel procurable at the compensation provided by the State in the Budget.

A material advance was made by the Legislature of 1937, which approved the establishment of a "Medical Division" in the Department of State Employment and Registration, as recommended by the State Employment Commissioner, a facility that the Department has long needed. It also enacted a statute, prepared by the State Employment Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor, which established a system providing for retirement, with reasonable compensation, of aged and disabled State employees.

The Merit System of Maryland has won deserved recognition nationally, for its efficient operation and its freedom from political interference.

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### STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS.

(Chapter 309, Acts of 1935.)

| Name.                    | Address.                           | Term Expires. |
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| Clyde N. Friz, Chairman, | 2010 Lexington Bldg., Baltimore.   | July 1, 1941  |
| Amos J. Klinkhart,       | Hagerstown.....                    | July 1, 1938  |
| James R. Edmunds, Jr.,   | Calvert Bldg., Baltimore.....      | July 1, 1939  |
| G. Corner Fenhagen,      | 325 N. Charles St., Baltimore..... | July 1, 1940  |
| Paul H. Kea,             | Hyattsville, Md.....               | July 1, 1942  |

The Law creating the State Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects is declared to be a public health, life and safety measure, and generally to promote the public welfare by requiring that only properly qualified persons shall use the designation "Architects" in the State of Maryland; and provides that all such persons shall submit to an examination or submit evidence of their qualifications to the Board before being entitled to practice architecture in the State of Maryland.