

SUNDRY CLAIMS BOARD

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The Sundry Claims Board was established by Chapter 440, Acts of 1961, to administer claims filed by any prisoner in the Patuxent Institution, or in the Maryland Penitentiary, the Maryland House of Correction or any other institution under the supervision of the Board of Correction, who has been injured in the scope of his employment at such institution while working for compensation. The Board consists of the Attorney General of Maryland, or his representative, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or his representative, and the Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, or his representative. The Governor designates one of the members to be the Chairman and another to be the Secretary of the Board (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 188A).

Control of State Employment**STATE COMMISSIONER OF PERSONNEL**

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The State Commissioner of Personnel is the head of the State Merit System, which was established in 1920. The title of State Commissioner of Personnel was established by Chapter 310, Acts of 1953. The position had been previously known as the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration (Chapter 41, Acts of 1920). The Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor for a six-year term, administers the Merit System Law, and with the approval of the Governor, makes such rules as he deems necessary to carry out the law. Such rules have the force and effect of law.

The purpose of the Merit System Law is to provide candidates for appointment to positions in the classified service after determining by practical tests the fitness of such candidates for the positions which they seek, without regard to their political or religious opinions or affiliations. It is also to provide adequate means for the prompt removal from positions in the classified service of persons who may be indolent, incompetent, inefficient, or otherwise unfit to remain therein, and to keep in a workable state the provisions for the promotion of employees as provided in the Law to ensure that the best class of candidates will be attracted to the classified service (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Article 64A). The State Commissioner of Personnel is the chief personnel officer for the State of Maryland, which at present employs approximately 26,800 classified and 3,100 unclassified employees.

The State Commissioner of Personnel is also Chairman of the State Employees' Standard Salary Board which is responsible for preparing