

into effect, which rules and regulations, when adopted and promulgated, shall have the effect of law, and to ascertain the qualifications by competitive examination of every candidate for appointment to or promotion in the police force, created and organized under existing law for the City of Baltimore, except the inspectors of police, police surgeons, the secretary to the Police Commissioner and his assistants, and to report to the Police Commissioner for the City of Baltimore graded lists of those persons whom they deem qualified for such appointment or promotion, from which graded lists all nominations for appointments to or promotions in said police force shall hereafter be made by the said Board of Police Examiners for the City of Baltimore, all such nominations for appointments to or promotion in said police force shall be made in the order in which the names of the nominees appear upon such graded lists, said graded lists and nominations for appointments or promotions in the said police force so as aforesaid furnished and made by the Board of Police Examiners shall last and be in effect for one year from the date the said graded lists and nominations were furnished and made as herein provided, and null and void after the expiration of twelve months, unless said graded lists and nominations are sooner exhausted by appointment, promotion or rejection by the Police Commissioner; provided that the persons whose names shall be remaining on said graded lists or in nomination at the expiration of a year as aforesaid shall be eligible for re-examination and shall have opportunity to secure a place on the next subsequent graded list to be made up for the grade or position to which he was eligible prior to the expiration of the graded list containing his name as above stated.

And provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply to the graded lists already before the said Police Commissioner, but that the graded list and nominations for the grade of captain, detective and lieutenant heretofore furnished and made shall expire on Dec. 31, 1922, and the graded lists and nominations for the grade of sergeant on Sept. 30, 1922, and the graded lists and nominations for the position of probationer on March 31, 1922; in the preparation of the graded lists, the said Board of Police Examiners shall ascertain by open competitive examinations the relative qualifications of the respective candidates for appointment or promotion and shall place the names of the accepted candidates upon said graded lists in the order of their relative qualifications so ascertained by such competitive examinations; the examinations shall be public and practical in character and relate to those matters which shall fairly test the relative capacity and fitness of the persons to discharge the duties of the position in the said police force to which they desire appointment or in which they seek promotion, including their past record on the force. The graded lists shall always be open to the inspection of the public.

Keyser v. Upshur, 92 Md. 729. Upshur v. Ward, 94 Md. 781. Smith v. Gaither, 144 Md. 484.

1900, ch. 16.

**745M.** Intending competitors for appointment to said police or for promotion therein shall file in the office of said Board of Police Examin-