

(1939 Ed.), title "Merit System", as said Section was amended by Chapter 981 of the Acts of 1945, relating to the term of office of the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 4 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Merit System", as said Section was amended by Chapter 981 of the Acts of 1945, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

4. There shall be appointed by the Governor a person of ability and integrity who shall be known as the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration. The term of the present Commissioner shall expire as of June 1, 1947, and the Governor shall appoint a new Commissioner, who may be the present incumbent, for a term of two years. As of June 1, 1949, and each sixth year thereafter, the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner for a term of six years and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Governor may remove the Commissioner for official misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty. The Commissioner shall receive a salary of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) per year.

The Commissioner shall appoint a Secretary who shall perform such duties as the Commissioner may prescribe, and who shall receive the salary appropriated in the Budget Bill. The Commissioner may appoint his employees and may incur expenses for office rent, printing, advertising, stationery, salaries of employees and other expenses incidental to the administration of this Article, within the limits of the amounts appropriated therefor by the General Assembly in the Budget Bill.

The employees of the Commissioner, excluding his Secretary, shall be included in the classified service.

The Commissioner shall make an annual report on or before January 1st in each year to the Governor concerning his work and proceedings and shall include therein any recommendations he deems advisable in regard to conditions in service of the State—classified and unclassified. All rules of the Commissioner shall be open to public inspection at the office of the Commissioner.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 16, 1947.