

CHAPTER 468.

(House Bill 804)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", to be under sub-heading "Merit System", said new section to be known as Section 383A and to follow immediately after Section 383 of said Article, authorizing the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown to establish a merit or civil service system, and provide for its administration.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", to be under sub-heading "Merit System", said new section to be known as Section 383A, to follow immediately after Section 383 of said Article, and to read as follows:

383A. The Mayor and Council of Hagerstown shall have full power and authority to provide by ordinance for the establishment of a merit or civil service system for appointments to and promotions in the municipal service on the grounds of fitness, competency and merit to be ascertained so far as practicable by competitive examination, and of imposing reasonable restrictions on the power of suspension and removal from such service; to provide for the administration of any such merit or civil service system, to provide for the classification and from time to time the reclassification of the various offices and employments to which such system shall or shall not be applicable, or confer authority so to do upon the agency charged with the administration of such system.

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

Approved April 16, 1947.

CHAPTER 469.

(House Bill 806)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County", sub-title "Hagerstown", said new section to be known as Sec-