

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1, 1908.

CHAPTER 741.

AN ACT to add to article 4, Public Local Laws, entitled "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Police Commissioners," a new section, to follow section 745F, and to be designated as section 745G, said section relating to detectives.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to article 4, Public Local Laws, entitled "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Police Commissioners," to follow section 745F, and to be designated as section 745G.

SEC. 745G. The detectives provided for in section 745 of this sub-division of this article shall be appointed by the Board of Police Commissioners solely from the uniform force below the grade of round sergeant and above the position of probationer; detectives shall have a grade in the permanent police force equal to that of round sergeant, with the right of promotion from such grade and subject to reduction therefrom to the next lower grade in the same manner as round sergeants upon the uniform force; the said detectives shall not be allowed to follow any other business, or profession, but shall devote their entire time to the discharge of their duties as detectives; they shall be selected without competitive examination and solely on account of their special fitness and qualification, in the judgment of the Board of Police Commissioners, to perform detective work; provided, however, that the Board of Police Commissioners shall have the power, in its discretion, to transfer from the detective service and return to the grade in the uniform force from which he may have been selected, any member of the force so as aforesaid appointed a detective, who, in the judgment of the said board, after reasonable length of employment in the detective service, may be found not qualified to satisfactorily discharge the duties of a detective, and when so transferred and returned, such member shall only be entitled to receive the pay of the grade in the uniform force to which he may be transferred and returned.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.