

Article to follow immediately after Article 64, and to be known as Article 64-A, and to be entitled "Merit System," and to contain 27 sections, numbers 1 to 27, inclusive, as follows:

**ARTICLE 64-A.**  
**MERIT SYSTEM.**

1. In this Act and in all rules made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires—"Commissioner" means the State Employment Commission. "The classified service" means and includes all offices of profit or trust and all places of employment, whether permanent or temporary, in the service of any State officer, department, commission, board or institution, other than those in the military forces, and other than those enumerated in Section 2 of this Article. "Classified service position" or "position" means any office or place of employment in the classified service. "Classified service employee" or "employee" means a person who holds under the terms of this Article, a position in the classified service, but shall not include a person employed by contract to render a temporary special service for the State where such contract is certified by the State Employment Commissioner to be for a service that could not in his judgment be rendered by a person in the classified service. "Class of position" or "class" means a group, established under this Act of positions similar in respect to the duties and responsibilities thereof and the qualifications required therefor. "Classification title," "class title, or "title" means the designation given, under this Act, to a class and to each position in the class and to the employee in each position in the class. "Appointing authority" means any commission, board or officer having power to make appointments.

2. The following positions shall not be included in the classified service, namely: Those held by officers elected by popular vote and officers whose appointment and election is provided for by the Constitution, including deputy clerks provided for by the Constitution, Article 4, Sections 26 and 37; officers and employees of the General Assembly or of either House thereof; officers and employees appointed or designated by any court or judge thereof; deputies, assistants and employees appointed or designated by any Sheriff, any Register of Wills, any Clerk of Court, any State's Attorney, or any Board of Supervisors of Elections; supervisors of assessments