

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.

745F. In the appointment, promotion, reduction in rank, transfer or removal of any police officer or officers of police, or any detective by the Police Commissioner for the City of Baltimore, and in his administration of the Police Department of Baltimore City, ecclesiastical and party ties shall not be regarded, so that the Police Department of said city may be entirely out of the field of political and religious differences, controversies and influences. The said Police Commissioner for the City of Baltimore shall confirm or reject all nominations for appointment or promotion of police officers and officers of police made to him hereinbefore provided by the Board of Po-