

of the City of Annapolis, after an examination to test the moral, mental, physical and educational qualifications, an eligible list in order of merit of those applicants accepted, from which appointments and promotions in the Police and Fire Departments of Annapolis shall be made and such appointments and promotions shall be made in no other manner. The said Committee as herein provided shall proceed under such rules and regulations as the said Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis shall hereafter approve.

Section 39-B. All appointments by the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, in said Police and Fire Departments as provided for in Section 39-A of this Act shall be on probation for a period of one year after their appointment and may be dropped by the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, if deemed unsuitable for the service to which they were appointed. After one year of service members of the Police or Fire Department may be removed by the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis only for official misconduct, inefficiency, or physical disability, and before a member may be dismissed for misconduct or inefficiency, charges in writing must be filed against him specifying the time, character and place of such misconduct or the particulars of such inefficiency, and a trial held before the Committee after five days notice to the accused.

Section 39-C. A member of the Police or Fire Department may be retired from the Department after twenty years of active service on a retirement salary of \$50.00 per month, if permanently incapacitated for active duty, if they contribute three per centum of their current salary to a Pension Fund. There shall be no provisions in the law under which a member of the Police or Fire Department may apply for retirement or be retired at a certain age limit. In the event that any contributing member of the Department be killed, or dies from natural cause, or injury, then the amount of his contribution to the Fund herein provided shall be refunded to his nearest relative, but if any member has received a monthly pension, no refund of his contribution shall be made.

Section 39-D. The Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis are hereby directed and empowered to set apart out of the taxes collected in the City of Annapolis, such an amount as is necessary to provide the Pension Fund men-