

conduct fitness tests and extend the facilities of his office as provided by said Article 64A, providing for the compensation of the officer in charge of the Department of Criminal Identification and providing for the appointment of the Chief of Police, and his removal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 691, 692 and 694 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Police," as said sections were amended by Chapter 375 of the Acts of 1931, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

691. The County Commissioners of Montgomery County are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to appoint such number not *less than twenty-four (24) nor more than thirty (30)* police officers for Montgomery County at large, as they may deem necessary for the better protection of persons and property in Montgomery County, said police officers so appointed to be residents of Montgomery County and to be known as and designated as "Montgomery County Police."

Provided, however, that the fifteen members of said County Police who had the longest length of service as of January 1, 1935, shall remain and continue in service (or shall be restored to said positions if removed before this Act becomes effective) with their rank as of said date and shall not be removed except for cause, as hereinafter provided. The said County Commissioners shall appoint not exceeding fifteen additional police officers who shall likewise not be removed except for cause. Thereafter all appointments to fill vacancies or new positions in said County Police shall be made only from annual eligible lists certified to said County Commissioners by the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration, who is hereby authorized and directed to extend the facilities of his office to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County with reference to the Montgomery County Police, in accordance with the provisions of Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. The said Commissioner of State Employment and Registration shall, when notified of any position or vacancy to be filled in said County Police, certify to the said County Commissioners, the names and addresses of the two persons standing highest upon the eligible list for the class in which the position or vacancy exists. Except as otherwise provided, all the provisions of