

said competitive examinations such system or systems of registration for said laborers or otherwise as in its judgment will best provide for such positions; and provided further as to all positions that the Commissioner may by his rules give preference in competition for higher classes of positions to classified service employees or to classified service employees of a certain class or classes by giving credit for experience and demonstrated efficiency (not to exceed twenty per centum of all marks) in determining the relative fitness for promotion of such employees. Honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines and regularly enlisted army and navy nurses engaged in the service of the United States at a time when the United States was at war with another nation and who were residents of this State at the time of their entry into such service, shall be given special credit for such service in the experience markings of examinations in which they may compete, which shall be equivalent to not less than twenty points on a basis of one hundred.

Promotion is a change from one class to another class with a higher maximum compensation, and vacancies shall be filled by promotion as far as is consistent with the best interests of the classified service, in the judgment of the Commissioner.

The Commissioner shall control all examinations and may designate as special examiners any officers or employees of this State or any other person not in the service of this State to conduct and hold such examinations as the Commissioner may direct and to make return and report thereof to him. The Commissioner shall have power to review the findings in all such reports, and may order new examinations, if he deems such action desirable. The Commissioner may at any time substitute any other person in the place of any person so designated and may himself conduct such examinations without designating special examiners.

Approved April 6, 1931.

CHAPTER 120.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 80 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Elections," sub-title "Count of Ballots," as said section was amended by Chapter 370 of the Acts of Assembly of 1927.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 80 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, entitled "Elections," sub-title "Count of Ballots," be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows: