

and privileges of the system of which he is a member, with out any regard to the age requirements or the requirements for physical examination required by such system, provided the total combined service prior to becoming Police Commissioner and as Police Commissioner shall be not less than twenty-five (25) years. He shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency in the manner provided by law in the case of civil officers; he shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly. The said Commissioner shall not be eligible to an elective or appointed office during the term for which he was appointed. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the Commissioner shall enter into bond to the State of Maryland, with one or more sureties, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such Commissioner; said bond to be approved by the Judge of the Superior Court of the City of Baltimore, and to be kept and recorded by the clerk of said Court, in the office thereof, together with the certificate of appointment as aforesaid, and shall also take and subscribe before the said Judge of the Superior Court, or the clerk thereof, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the sixth section of the first article of the Constitution, and the further oath or affirmation, that in every appointment, promotion, reduction in rank or removal to be made by him, to, in or from the police force created and organized under this sub-division of this Article, he will in no case, and under no pretext, appoint, promote, reduce in rank or remove any policeman or officer of police, or detective, or any other person under him, for or on account of the political opinions or affiliations of such policeman, officer, detective or other person or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person, in the best judgment of said Commissioner for the place to which he shall be appointed, or from which he shall be removed, and the said oath or affirmation shall be recorded and preserved among the records of said Court.

The said Police Commissioner shall have and exercise all the powers exercised by the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City and wherever the term or expression "Board of Police Commissioners" is used in any of the public local or public general laws of this State, such term or expression shall be construed as applying to the Police Commissioner created by this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1. 1943.

Approved May 6, 1943.