

a fine of not more than \$250 or by imprisonment for not more than three months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1945.

Approved April 27, 1945.

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## CHAPTER 904.

(House Bill 722)

AN ACT to add thirteen new sections to the Montgomery County Code (1939 Edition—being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County", to be under sub-title "Merit System", said new sections to be known as Sections 676 to 688, inclusive, and to follow immediately after Section 675A of said Code, providing for the establishment of a Merit System for certain employees of Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That thirteen new sections be and they are hereby added to the Montgomery County Code (1939 Edition—being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County", to be under sub-title "Merit System", said new sections to be known as Sections 676 to 688, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 675A of said Code, and to read as follows:

### MERIT SYSTEM

676. The County Commissioners of Montgomery County shall appoint one person who shall be known as the County Civil Service Commissioner, and who shall hold office for a term of four (4) years and until his successor shall qualify. The term of the first commissioner shall begin on August 1, 1945. Any vacancy shall be filled by the County Commissioners for the unexpired term. The Commissioner shall receive an annual salary the amount of which shall be determined by the County Commissioners.

677. Any person who holds employment, whether permanent or temporary, in the service of any department, commission, board, office or institution of Montgomery County, which comes within the direct administrative and executive jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners of Mont-