

meets the financial standard as provided in Section 167, but the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library, and the County Commissioners of Washington County and the Washington County Free Library, and the funds allotted to either of them hereunder, shall be exempt from the supervision of the State Superintendent of Schools and the Division of Library Extension; and the qualifications of the employees of the Enoch Pratt Free Library shall be those which may be established by the Trustees of said Library; and the Enoch Pratt Free Library shall be the agency for the expenditure and administration of that portion of funds or materials received from the Federal Government which may be allocated to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the State Board of Education; and the Enoch Pratt Free Library shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 170 to 178, inclusive, of this Article.

SEC. 1A. *And be it further enacted*, That in order to extend the benefits of this Act to the several political subdivisions of the State, it is hereby provided that, from the initial appropriation, not more than \$5,000. shall be available to any one political sub-division of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 1946.

Approved May 4, 1945.

CHAPTER 981.

(Senate Bill 575)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 4 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Merit System," increasing the salary of the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 4 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Ed.), title "Merit System," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

4. There shall be appointed by the Governor a person of ability and integrity who shall be known as the Com-