

tendent of Police to fix standards and qualifications of appointment for police employees without the necessity of approval by the State Employment Commissioner.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 5 of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "State Police", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

5. (a) The Superintendent may establish and maintain a classification of ranks and grades for the police employees of the Department as follows: Major (1); Captains (2), one to be designated as Senior Captain; Lieutenants (7); Medical Examiner (1); Sergeant Major (1); First Sergeants (9); Detective Sergeants (6); Quartermaster Sergeant (1); Sergeant Mechanic (1); Sergeants (17); Corporals (18); Officers First Class (26); and Officers (91). The number of police employees in each such rank and grade shall be that appearing in parentheses after each rank and grade set forth above; provided, however, that such number may be increased by the Superintendent, from time to time, in such number as the Budget or Budget Amendment or Amendments may from time to time provide. Such additional police employees shall be appointed only in accordance with the provisions of Sections 10 and 11 of this Article. The Superintendent shall be authorized to establish such additional ranks and grades for the police employees as may be required from time to time to carry on efficiently work of the Department and the number of police employees in such additional ranks and grades shall be such as the Budget or Budget Amendment or Amendments may from time to time provide. Such additional ranks and grades shall be filled only in accordance with the provisions of Sections 10 and 11 of this Article. In addition to said police employees, the Superintendent shall appoint for said Department such clerical employees as may be required from time to time to carry on efficiently the work thereof and as the Budget or Budget Amendment or Amendments may from time to time provide, and such clerical employees shall be appointed only in accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of this Article.

(b) Subject to such limitations as are imposed on him by other sections of this Article, the Superintendent shall designate the authority, responsibility and duties of the various ranks, grades and positions established under this section, and shall also set standards and qualifications, and fix prerequisites of training, education and experience; but the positions of all clerical employees of the Department shall be subject to the provisions of the Merit System.