

displace other employees with less seniority on said list, who are not Second World War Veterans, any Merit System, Civil Service System, law or rule to the contrary notwithstanding. Such displaced civilians shall remain on such lists for a period of one year, and appropriate vacancies shall be filled from said lists, according to seniority, during said period of time.

14. A Second World War Veteran who left elected public office to enter the armed forces shall not be deemed to have finally vacated his office, but shall be considered to have been on leave of absence, and if he returns prior to the expiration of the term for which he was elected, he shall resume the duties of such office, provided he is physically and mentally qualified to execute such office and gives notice in writing of his intention to resume his office to the Governor of the State or the chief officer of the governmental sub-division involved, as the case may be, within the period of time provided in sub-section 8(b) of this sub-title, and actually does resume such office within thirty (30) days from the expiration of such period specified in said sub-section 8(b).

15. It is the intent of this Act that all Second World War Veterans who left public employment in Maryland to enter military service shall be restored to the position which they left, or to a comparable one, if it is possible to do this, and in order to carry out this purpose, the provisions of this Act are to be liberally construed in favor of such persons.

16. A Second World War Veteran entitled to reinstatement or to re-employment shall receive the position to which he is entitled within thirty (30) days after his application has been filed with the proper authority, or in case of dispute, within thirty (30) days after his right to such position has been finally established. Such reinstated or re-employed Veteran shall be paid from the date he assumes the duties of such position, or if he has established his right to such position after dispute, his pay shall begin thirty (30) days after he files his application with the proper authority. Failure to accept within thirty (30) days an offer of reinstatement or of a comparable position, shall deprive any Second World War Veteran of his rights to reinstatement or re-employment under this sub-title.

17. In the case of any Second World War Veteran who was a State employee, either classified or unclassified, the State Employment Commissioner shall determine whether