

(b) In the alternative, the Mayor and City Council may provide for the officers and employees of the City becoming members of the State Employees' Retirement System, agreeably to the provisions of Article 73B, Sections 17-24 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement).

86. **APPOINTING OFFICER.** The Appointing Officer shall be the City Manager, with duties as prescribed in this Article.

87. **PENALTY.** Any violation of any of the provisions of this Article relating to the Civil Service Commission, or any wilful use of any corrupt means in connection with any examination, appointment, promotion, reduction, transfer or reinstatement, shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in a Court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment for not exceeding one year, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

88. **MEMBERS.** There shall be a Civil Service Commission, composed of three Civil Service Commissioners. The Mayor and City Council shall appoint a Commissioner on the first Monday in April of every even numbered year, to succeed the Commissioner whose term is then expiring, and each such appointee shall serve for a period of six years or until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. Vacancies for any cause shall be filled by the Mayor and City Council for the unexpired term.

89. **QUALIFICATIONS.** Each Commissioner shall have been a citizen of Maryland and a resident of the City for at least three years next preceding his appointment. No person who is a Commissioner shall at the same time hold or be a candidate for any office of public trust, or solicit or give any contribution to aid in the campaign or election of any candidate for a municipal office in the City.

90. **OATH OF OFFICE.** Each such appointee shall qualify for his position by taking an oath of office, to be kept and filed in the office of the City Clerk, that he will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland, obey the provisions of this Article, and maintain honesty and efficiency in the Classified Service of the City, free from partisan distinction or control or other discrimination.