form such stenographic and clerical duties as he or she may be directed by said State's Attorney to perform, and who shall receive a salary in the discretion of the County Commissioners of said county, not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per annum, payable monthly, to be levied for and paid by the County Commissioners of said county.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1949.

Approved March 4, 1949.

CHAPTER 32

(Senate Bill 6)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 13 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Merit System", relating to the length of temporary appointments in the Merit System.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 13 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Merit System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

- 13. (a) When from pressure of work an extra position must be established for a period not exceeding six months, the appointing authority shall make requisition upon the Commissioner for the appointment of an extra employee stating the duties to be performed and the probable length of employment. The Commissioner shall authorize the appointment of, with or without competitive examination, a qualified person; provided, however, that so far as practicable appointment to extra positions shall be made from the eligible lists; and provided further that no such appointment shall be made for a period exceeding six months.
- (b) An appointing authority or any officer authorized by an appointing authority may, to prevent the stoppage of the public business when an emergency arises and time will not permit of the securing of the consent of the Commissioner and the appointment by him of a person, appoint any qualified person during the emergency for a period not exceeding sixty days. Persons thus appointed shall be known as emer-