

*Section 37 (a) Civil Service Commission — Creation.* There shall be a Civil Service Commission consisting of three members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The term of each member shall be six years. Members of the Commission in office on June 1, 1951, shall continue to hold office for the respective terms for which they were originally appointed. The term of one of the members shall expire on the first Monday of April in every even numbered year. All appointments, both original and to fill vacancies, shall be made from persons friendly to the merit system. No person, while on the said Commission shall hold or be a candidate for any office of public trust. The members must be citizens of Maryland and residents of the City of Cumberland for more than three (3) years preceding their appointment. The Chairman of the Commission for each biennial period shall be the member whose term first expires. Two of the said members shall constitute a quorum to transact business. Each of said members of the Commission shall receive Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per annum for their duties; said sum to be paid monthly. The Mayor and City Council may remove any of the said Commissioners for cause, four councilmen voting in favor of such removal, and shall fill any vacancy that may occur in said Commission for the unexpired term. The Mayor and City Council shall provide a suitable room in which the said Commission may hold meetings and also supply the necessary equipment to properly attend to such business. The City Clerk shall serve as Secretary for the Commission and shall keep a record of all its meetings. Before entering upon the duties of their office, each member shall take or subscribe an oath which shall be filed and kept in the office of the City Clerk, to support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Maryland and to obey the laws and to aim to secure and maintain an honest and efficient force, free from partisan distinction or control and to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability.

*(b) Civil Service Commission — Powers and Duties.* The Commission shall make rules, subject to the provisions herein contained, to carry out the purposes of this subtitle, and to provide for appointments and employments in all positions in the classified service hereinafter mentioned, based on merit, efficiency, character and industry, and the Commission, from time to time, may make changes in the original rules or additions thereto. **SUCH RULES SHALL NOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.** A copy of all such rules, changes therein and