

“Howard County”, said new sections to be known as Sections 52A to 52-I, inclusive, under the new sub-title “Classified Service” and to follow immediately after Section 52 thereof, creating a Classified Service for certain employees of Howard County and generally prescribing and authorizing adoption of rules and regulations therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That be and there are hereby added nine new sections to Article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title “Howard County”, said new sections to be known as Sections 52A to 52-I, inclusive, under the new sub-title “Classified Service”, and to follow immediately after Section 52 thereof, and all to read as follows:*

CLASSIFIED SERVICE

52A. It is the intention of this Act to create a Classified System of Employment for Howard County and to utilize the facilities of the State Employment Commissioner for economy of operation, to authorize the establishment of classifications, salary schedules and working conditions that are, insofar as applicable, the same as are provided for employees under the State Merit System, to the end that competent persons, shall be attracted to employment in the county government and that uniform working conditions and protected tenure during competent service will result in more efficient operation of the county's business.

52B. Unless the context otherwise requires: “County Commissioners” means the County Commissioners of Howard County; “Employment Commissioner” means Commissioner of State Employment and Registration; “Classified Service” means and includes the following offices and positions: Building Engineer and Building Inspectors; Chief of Police and all officers of the Police Department; Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, Roads Engineer or Supervisor, and Clerk to the Treasurer of Howard County; “Classified Position” or “Position” means any office in the Classified Service; “Classified Service Employee” or “Employee” means a person who holds, under the terms of this Act, a position in the Classified Service, but shall not include a person employed by contract to render a temporary or special service for the county; (“Class of Position” or “Class” means a group established under this Act of positions similar in respect to the duties and responsibility thereof and the qualifications required therefor;) “Classi-