

The rate of compensation for any person who has held his position for a period of six (6) months or longer as of July 1, 1949, shall not be decreased as a result of being included in the classified service.

SEC. 2A. *AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED*, THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION INCLUDING THE PRESENT DIRECTOR, WHO AS OF JULY 1, 1959, HAVE HELD SUCH EMPLOYMENT UNDER ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE, TITLE "MERIT SYSTEM", FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS SHALL BE CONTINUED AS EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HEREIN CREATED OR IN OTHER REASONABLY SIMILAR POSITIONS IN THE STATE CLASSIFIED SERVICE, WITH NO DIMINUTION IN SALARY, SENIORITY OR RETIREMENT RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the memberships of the members of the State Planning Commission who are in office immediately prior to June 1, 1959 shall terminate as of that day and the State Planning Commission as created and constituted prior to June 1, 1959 shall terminate and be abolished as of that date. As promptly as possible following June 1, 1959, the Governor and all other appropriate departments of the state government shall proceed to constitute and create the State Planning Department and the State Planning Commission herein provided for.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the State Planning Department and the State Planning Commission herein created are the legal and actual successors to the State Planning Commission as the latter existed prior to June 1, 1959. All real and personal property in every form and all other assets and liabilities of every kind and all credits or appropriations on the books and accounts of this State, owned by, in the custody of, or credited to the State Planning Commission herein abolished are transferred in all respects to the State Planning Department and the State Planning Commission herein created. Whenever in the laws, regulations, ordinances or resolutions of this State or of any political subdivision thereof there appears a reference to the State Planning Commission as the same was constituted immediately prior to June 1, 1959, the same shall henceforth be taken and construed to be a reference to the State Planning Department or to the State Planning Commission, as the sense of the reference may require, herein created.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved April 28, 1959.

CHAPTER 544

(Senate Bill 424)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 136(a) of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.