

for civil defense (except the Director) in the classified service of the State. During the effective period of any such regulation, the said employees and officers shall be subject to certain of the rights, duties, privileges, and responsibilities of Article 64A of the Annotated Code, title "Merit System", with the particular board of county commissioners or county council, or the Mayor of Baltimore City, as the appointing officer thereunder; but the provisions of this sentence shall not be construed or applied to remove from the particular board of county commissioners or county council or from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore power to establish and regulate the compensation, vacation allowance, and sick leave of all such employees and officers in the respective political subdivisions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That a new Section 9B be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of said Code (1957 Edition and 1961 Supplement), to follow immediately after Section 9A thereof, and to read as follows:*

9B. On and after June 1, 1962, as provided in Section 235 (b) of Article 41 of this Code, all positions in the State Civil defense organization, except that of Director, are included within the provisions of the classified service and subject generally to all privileges and responsibilities provided in this Article.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That any person whose position is to be included in a merit system or classified service under the provisions of this Act and who has been employed in such position since December 31, 1960, shall be retained therein and acquire merit system and classified service status at a salary scale not less than that paid to him during such period subject only to his taking and passing a qualifying examination therefor administered by the Commissioner of Personnel in cooperation with the Civil Defense Agency. Any person holding such a position on the effective date of this Act who has held the position for a period less than that extending from December 31, 1960, shall be eligible to become a member of the classified service or merit system in the usual manner of taking an examination and of being placed upon and being selected from a list of qualified applicants.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.*

Approved April 6, 1962.

CHAPTER 126

(Senate Bill 130)

AN ACT to authorize the creation of a State debt in the aggregate amount of ~~\$1,000,000.00~~ FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOL-

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.