

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act are severable and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 347

(Senate Bill 494)

AN ACT to add new Sections 45C to 45J, inclusive, to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", to follow immediately after Section 45B thereof, which Section 45B was added by Chapter 304 of 1957, and to be under the new sub-title "Classified Service", to establish a classified service for ~~county roads~~ CERTAIN employees of St. Mary's County, to include present ~~roads~~ employees in the classified service without examination, and to provide for the effect on salaries of present ~~roads~~ employees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Sections 45C to 45J, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 19 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "St. Mary's County", to follow immediately after Section 45B thereof, which Section 45B was added by Chapter 304 of 1957, and to be under the new sub-title "Classified Service", and to read as follows:

Classified Service

45C. *It is the intention of this sub-title to create a classified system of employment for St. Mary's County and to utilize the facilities of the State Commissioner of Personnel 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.*

45D. *Unless the context otherwise requires: "County Commissioners" means the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; "Commissioner of Personnel" means State Commissioner of Personnel; "Classified Service" means and includes the following offices and positions: All employees of the County Roads Department, including hourly rate employees and all employees of the Department of Civil*

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.