

vided in Section 18 of this article and selects a non-veteran shall file with the State Commissioner of Personnel a substantial reason for so doing, which shall become a part of the record of such veteran eligible, and shall be made available upon request to the veteran or his designated representatives; the State Commissioner of Personnel is directed to determine the sufficiency of such submitted reason and, if found insufficient, shall require such appointing officer to submit more detailed information in support thereof; if the reason so received be deemed insufficient by the State Commissioner of Personnel, then, he shall order the employment of such veteran by such appointing officer, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the veteran eligible or to his designated representatives; in case there is no eligible list for the class, the Commissioner shall forthwith call an examination, and shall post the eligible list resulting therefrom within sixty days from the time of holding said examination, and in case no eligible list results, the Commissioner shall repeat such call and continue to hold examinations until an eligible list results. If necessary to prevent the stoppage of public business, but not otherwise, the Commissioner may authorize temporary appointment as prescribed in Section 22 of this article.

(b) The list of eligibles for each class of position in the classified service shall be made up first of names of persons who have previously held positions in such class and who were laid off in good standing under Section 35 of this article, and then of names of persons in the order of merit, who have been examined by the Commissioner and found qualified.

(c) The Commissioner shall divide all classes of positions into two groups known, respectively, as "active" and "inactive", and shall by schedule, made a part of his rules, indicate which classes fall into each group, and shall revise such schedules annually. All classes in which at least three vacancies are anticipated during the [ensuring] ensuing year shall be placed in the active group and examinations for such classes shall be held whenever there are fewer than five names left on the eligible list. All other classes shall be placed in the inactive group, and examinations for such classes shall be held only when there is no eligible list and vacancies occur.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved February 27, 1961.

CHAPTER 98

(House Bill 21)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 163 (c) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

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.