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For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section, unless the context otherwise requires :

Classified position or position. "Classified position" or "position" means any office in the classified service.

Classified service. "Classified service" means and includes all salaried employees in the offices of the clerk of court, the county treasurer and the register of wills [.] and those salaried employees with over two years service in the office of the Supervisor of Assessments whose positions are classified pursuant to Section 4-9 hereof.

Classified service board. "Classified service board" shall consist of the clerk of court, the register of wills, the Supervisor of Assessments, and the county treasurer.

Classified service employee or employee. "Classified service employee" or "employee" means a person who holds, under the terms of this chapter, a position in the classified service, but shall not include a person employed by contract to render temporary or special service for the county.

Clerk of court. "Clerk of court" means the clerk of court for the circuit court of the court.

Commissioner of personnel. "Commissioner of personnel" means the commissioner of state employment and registration.

County treasurer. "County treasurer" means the county treasurer of Frederick County.

Merit system. "Merit system" means the merit system of the state.

Register of wills. "Register of wills" means the register of wills for the county.

Supervisor of Assessments. "Supervisor of assessments" means the Supervisor of Assessments for Frederick County, within the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

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It is the intention of this chapter to create a classified system of employment in the county for the office of register of wills, the office of the clerk of the circuit court, the office of supervisor of assessments, and the office of the county treasurer 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.

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(b) Establish minimum and maximum salary schedules with pro-