

cause for rejection; the probation period shall be for a period not exceeding six months, unless the appointing authority shall suggest and the Commissioner shall approve a longer period, which in no event shall exceed one year; provided that no appointing authority shall have power to remove a probationer who has been appointed by promotion from another class without the consent of the Commissioner [ ]; and provided further, that no appointing authority who has removed a probationer as hereinbefore set out shall have power to exercise such right of removal again with respect to any other probationer in a position of the same class within three calendar months after such removal. ] The employee so rejected shall be considered permanently separated from such position, but Commissioner may keep the name of the person thus rejected on the eligible list from which he was appointed for future certification to another position in the class to which the list applies.

No employee who has completed his probation may be permanently removed from the classified service except for cause, upon written charges and after an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. Such charges may be filed by the appointing authority or by any citizen, provided, however, that no such charges may be filed by a citizen, without the consent of the appointing authority or of the Commissioner, and such charge shall within ninety days after filing, be heard, investigated and determined by the Commissioner or by some person or board appointed by the Commissioner to hear, investigate and determine the same.

The finding and decision of the Commissioner or of such person or board when approved by the Commissioner shall be final, and shall be certified to the appointing authority and shall be forthwith enforced by such authority.

The Commissioner shall, by rule, prescribe what may constitute cause for removal, but no removal shall be allowed because of the religious or political opinions or affiliations of any employee. The provisions of this section shall apply to the demotion of an employee as described in Section 31 of this article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.

Approved May 6, 1966.

---

CHAPTER 731

(House Bill 400)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 110 (b) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," making explicit the authority of the County Commissioners of Charles County to increase the salaries of committing magistrates and justices of the peace in Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 110 (b) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland