

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 18B be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 18A thereof, and to read as follows:*

18B.

Any State employee in either the classified or unclassified service other than a temporary or emergency employee as defined in Section 24 of this Article, who by reason of his entry into the Armed Forces of the United States has left or leaves his position with the State of Maryland after February 1, 1963, shall be reinstated to the classification within his department which he held prior to his entry into the Armed Forces, or to a position of equal responsibility, qualifications, and pay, provided:

(1) He makes application within ninety days from the date of his separation from the Armed Forces in case he has involuntarily entered, or within ninety days after the termination of his first period of enlistment in case he has voluntarily entered, for reinstatement as a State employee; and

(2) He makes application for reinstatement within ninety days from the date of separation from such service or within ninety days after discharge from a hospital, provided such hospitalization is directly connected with, related to and immediately follows his separation from the Armed Forces and the period of hospitalization does not extend beyond a year from the date of such separation.

Any employee qualifying for reinstatement under this provision shall be entitled to start at the salary and rate of earnings for leave which he would have received if he had remained continuously in the State service.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.*

Approved April 14, 1966.

CHAPTER 181

(House Bill 974)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 43 (g) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 EDITION 1965 Supplement), title "Elections," subtitle "Cancellation of Registration," to allow the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Prince George's County, Maryland, to cancel voter registration, when the voter has moved from Prince George's County without notification to the Supervisors of Elections, after notification to show cause has been sent to the voter at his last known address, and declaring this Act to be an Emergency measure.