

5. *The Department shall employ such full-time employees including professional, clerical and others, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. Full-time employees of the Department shall be employed according to, and shall be placed under the provisions of, the merit system for county employees and shall meet such standards, receive such compensation, be subject to such restrictions and enjoy such benefits as may be contained in the rules and regulations which shall be adopted and published by the Personnel Board of the County relating to their position.*

6. *The Department is empowered, at the recommendation of the Director, to appoint, promote, demote, and terminate the employment and fix the salaries and wages of such part-time or temporary personnel as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle. The employment of volunteer workers without compensation may also be accepted by the Department upon the recommendation of the Director.*

7. *The Department, in the planning, development and conduct of its program of public recreation and in scheduling the use of publicly owned lands or buildings for the conduct of its program, shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible with all other duly recognized and generally accepted agencies, groups, organizations who may desire to use the said lands or buildings.*

8. *The Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the conduct of the Department's business as authorized and prescribed for it under this subtitle.*

9. *The Board of County Commissioners shall have the power to appoint from time to time such advisory committees on recreation as it may deem necessary in furtherance of the Department's powers and functions herein granted; provided however there shall be at all times a standing advisory Committee on public recreation which shall be as representative of the citizens of the County as possible.*

10. *The Department shall prepare and submit to the County Commissioners an annual budget, pursuant to present practices with respect to other departments of the county government, for the purpose of providing salaries, stationery and other expenses as may be required from time to time by the Department.*

11. *The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to levy for and to provide annually a sum sufficient to enable the Department to perform the functions and duties prescribed for it under this subtitle.*

12. *No power or authority conferred by this section shall be construed to abridge or limit the power of the County Commissioners or of any governmental agency.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That all funds, equipment and supplies formerly available to or used by the Recreation Board abolished by Section 1 of this Act are hereby transferred to the Department of Recreation created in this Act.*