

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved April 10, 1968.

CHAPTER 236
(House Bill 398)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3(f) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," to provide that a commission shall be created in Garrett County to study the feasibility of establishing a merit system for the employees of Garrett County, specifying the number, method and time of appointment of the members of the commission, the scope of the commission's work, and to whom and when a report shall be made.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 3(f) of Article 25 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1967 Supplement), title "County Commissioners," subtitle "General Provisions," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(f) To establish a merit system in connection with the appointment of all county officials and employees not elected or appointed under the Constitution or public general laws of the State, except that this power is not available to the County Commissioners of Dorchester County. This subsection shall be applicable in Queen Anne's County, and the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall have the powers provided herein. *There is hereby created in Garrett County a commission of seven persons, two of whom shall be appointed by the county commissioners of Garrett County, two of whom shall be appointed by the Garrett County Delegation in the House of Delegates and the State Senator representing Garrett County; one of whom shall be appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court for Garrett County; one of whom shall be appointed by the Garrett County Roads Employees Association; and one of whom shall be selected from the other Garrett County appointed employees by the Governor; to study the feasibility of establishing a merit system for the employees of Garrett County. The appointment shall be made within thirty (30) days of the date on which this Article becomes law. The failure of any of the parties designated herein to make appointments mandated by law shall not affect the establishment or work of the commission which shall proceed with the number of members appointed according to the provisions of this Act. Such a study shall include a determination of which employees of the county shall be included in the merit system. The report of the committee shall be completed and delivered to the county commissioners and the members of the General Assembly representing Garrett County prior to the 1969 regular session of the General Assembly.*