

ONCE IN EACH TWO SUCCESSIVE MONTHS, TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF MERGER OF THE TWO AUTHORITIES AND TO INSTITUTE JOINT USE OF MATERIALS, OFFICES OUTSIDE THE STATE OF MARYLAND, STUDIES, PROMOTIONS, PROGRAMS, OPERATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES, WHERE SUCH JOINT ACTIVITIES WILL CREATE ECONOMIES AND EFFECTUATE THE OTHER PURPOSES OF THIS ACT AND ARTICLE 62B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND. THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SHALL CALL AND CHAIR SUCH JOINT SESSIONS. THE PLAN OF MERGER SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1, 1969.

23. *Penalties.*

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Article, or of any rule or regulation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Authority is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or to imprisonment for a period of not more than one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

24. *Liberal construction.*

This Article, being necessary for the welfare of the State and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

25. *Severability.*

The provisions of this Article are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions.

~~SEC. 2.~~ *And be it further enacted, That as of the effective date of this Act, all fulltime employees of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, including the Airport Fire-Fighting Force, who for a*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT AS OF JULY 1, 1968, ALL REGULAR AND PERMANENT PERSONNEL NOW EMPLOYED BY THE AIRPORT FIRE-FIGHTING FORCE AND ALL OTHER FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WHO FOR A period of six months or more immediately preceding have been regularly engaged in the management and operation of Friendship International Airport are transferred to the employment of the Maryland Airport Authority herein created. Without further examination or qualification they are subject to the provisions and restrictions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Merit System." THEREAFTER THEIR EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT GENERALLY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND OF THE SAID ARTICLE 64A. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER KEY PERSONNEL AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 5 (O) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE SAME MAY BE INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.