

herein, on and after July 1 the Governor of Maryland shall appoint one or more qualified persons to the Board.], all of whom shall be residents of the Maryland-Washington Regional District and no more than two members from any one county. The three members of the Board shall be appointed as of July 1, 1969. Of the persons first appointed, one shall have a term of one year, one shall have a term of two years, one shall have a term of three years, all dating from July 1, 1969. As of July 1, 1970; July 1, 1971 and July 1, 1972, and each three years thereafter a person shall be appointed for a term of three years. Vacancies of the Board shall be filled in the same manner as for the making of original appointments. One member of the Board shall be named by the Commission as Chairman and shall serve as Chairman at the pleasure of the Commission. If by August 1, 1969, or in any year thereafter the appointments of any of the members required herein have not been made as provided herein, on or after August 1, the Governor of Maryland shall appoint one or more persons to the Board. All appointees shall be knowledgeable and experienced in personnel matters. No appointee shall be a Park and Planning Commission Member or official of the Park and Planning Commission staff at the time of appointment to the Merit Board. The appointments of all Merit Board members appointed prior to June 30, 1969, shall terminate on the effective date of this Act. Such Board members may be appointed for new terms if they are qualified under the provisions of this Act.

(c) [As soon as possible after its appointment in 1966,] [t] The Board shall prepare and recommend a compensation plan, a classification plan, and [adopt] comprehensive rules and regulations governing the operation [s] of the Merit System for Commission employees. The Board [in its discretion shall determine the scope and applicability of the regulations, and any exemptions therefrom, within the restrictions of this section. The regulations may be abolished, supplemented, changed or amended from time to time by the Board in its discretion. Upon adoption of a comprehensive plan and any subsequent modifications, they shall become effective upon filing with the Commission.] shall submit its recommendation to the Commission for adoption. The Commission may adopt, disapprove or modify the Board's recommendations, provided however, that if the Commission does not act on a Merit Board recommendation within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of filing of the recommendation with the Commission the recommendation shall be considered approved. Any compensation plan, classification plan or rules and regulations heretofore promulgated shall continue in existence and remain in full force and effect unless and until modified or amended as herein provided.

(d) The Commission shall MAY make available to the Board its record, facilities, [and any] employees [necessary in the preparation of rules and regulations.] and such experts, assistants and clerks as are necessary to carry out its duties.

(e) [The Board is authorized to employ such experts, assistants and clerks as are necessary to carry out its duties.] Members of the Board shall receive a per diem compensation of [twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)] thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for every day engaged in the business of the Board and all members of the Board shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties.