

(d) *The Secretary of Personnel shall have a seal for purposes of authentication of copies of records or papers in his office.*

218.

(a) *The Office of the Commissioner of Personnel, the State Employees' Standard Salary Board established pursuant to Article 64A, Sections 26-30, of this Code, and the State Incentive Awards Board established pursuant to Article 64A, Section 32A, of this Code, are hereby abolished. Whenever the terms "Commissioner of Personnel" or "State Employees' Standard Salary Board" or "State Incentive Awards Board" are used in any provisions of this Code, or in any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, regulations, directives, contracts or other documents, they shall be deemed to mean the Secretary of Personnel, unless, however, such construction would be unreasonable. From and after June 1, 1970, all rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions heretofore conferred upon or exercised by the Commissioner of Personnel, the State Employees' Standard Salary Board, or the State Incentive Awards Board, shall be transferred to and be exercised and performed by the Secretary of Personnel, unless otherwise provided by law. All rules, regulations, forms, orders and directives promulgated by or in effect for the Office of the Commissioner of Personnel, the State Employees' Standard Salary Board, and the State Incentive Awards Board, as of May 31, 1970, shall continue in force unless and until changed by the Secretary of Personnel.*

(b) *All books, papers, files, records, furniture, fixtures, and all other property owned by or in the custody of the Commissioner of Personnel, the State Employees' Standard Salary Board, and the State Incentive Awards Board, as of May 31, 1970, shall be transferred to and be in the ownership or custody of the Department of Personnel created by Section 213 of this Article.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Sections 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18(a), 18(c), 18(e), 18(f), 18(h), 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 25A, 25B, and 25C of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume, and 1969 Supplement), title "Merit System," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, AND THAT NEW SECTION 15B BE AND IT IS HEREBY ADDED TO THE SAID ARTICLE OF THE CODE (1968 REPLACEMENT VOLUME), TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 15A THEREOF, all to read as follows:*

1.

In this article and in all rules made hereunder, unless the context otherwise requires—"Commissioner" or "Secretary" mean[s] the [State Commissioner] Secretary of Personnel appointed under Article 41, Section 213, of this Code. "The classified service" means and includes all offices of profit or trust and all places of employment, whether permanent or temporary, in the service of any State officer, department, commission, board or institution, other than those in the military forces, and other than those enumerated in Section 3 of this article. "Classified service position" or "position" means any office or place of employment in the classified service. "Classified service employee" or "employee" means a person who holds under