

19.

No person who has been heretofore or who shall hereafter be convicted of any crime, and who shall have served his sentence or shall have obtained his release by virtue of any pardon, full or conditional, on probation or release by conditional commutation of sentence, or by parole, shall be rendered ineligible, if otherwise qualified, by reason of said conviction, to take the examination mentioned in Section 18 of this article; provided, however, that no person convicted of crime shall be entitled to the preference given to veterans and that if any such person is, after the taking of any such examinations, certified by the [State Commissioner] *Secretary* of Personnel as eligible for appointment to any position, the appointing authority may consider the aforesaid conviction in determining whether such person shall be given the appointment for which an eligible list has been requested.

20.

Notice of every open examination scheduled by the [Commissioner] *Secretary of Personnel* shall be published with the closing date for receiving applications and the rate of compensation for each position listed at least once, or, in the discretion of the [Commissioner] *Secretary*, as many more times as necessary during the four successive weeks preceding the examination in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the City of Baltimore or in the county in which the examination is to be held. Such notice shall also be sent to the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City and to the clerk of the circuit court for each county in this State, and said clerks shall forthwith post the same in their respective courthouses. Such further notice shall be given as the [Commissioner] *Secretary* may prescribe. The [Commissioner] *Secretary* shall, whenever necessary, provide facilities for holding examinations in different parts of the State.

21.

The [Commissioner] *Secretary of Personnel* shall extend suitable assistance during any examination to any person who by reason of blindness or other physical handicap is unable to read the examination or otherwise to comply with the mechanical or procedural requirements of the examination, if such requirements do not go to the substance of the examination and would not be necessary in the position for which the examination is being held.

22.

(a) The [Commissioner] *Secretary of Personnel* shall prepare a list of eligibles consisting of the names of persons whose general average and whose marks on any part of the examination exceed the minimum set by the rules of the [Commissioner] *Secretary* and shall publicly post such list in his office. Eligible lists shall continue in force for one year from the date of posting and may be extended by the [Commissioner] *Secretary* by action taken before the expiration of such year, and entered in the minutes, provided, however, that the [Commissioner] *Secretary*, shall have power at any time, after a public hearing and notice as prescribed by Section 20 of this article, to cancel the whole or any part of any eligible list by reason of illegality or fraud in connection therewith. The [Commissioner]