

37.

(c) The **[Commissioner]** *Secretary of Personnel* may by rule provide for granting leaves of absence for longer periods with pay or with part pay to employees who may be disabled either through injury or illness as a result of, or arising from their respective employment; and shall make such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

38.

Except in the case of temporary and emergency employees herein provided for, no auditing or disbursing or other officer of the State shall approve the payment of or be in any manner concerned in paying, auditing or approving any salary, wage or other compensation for classified services unless the person to whom such salary, wage or other compensation is to be paid is a person in such classified service. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary of Personnel* may by rule prohibit the payment of any salary, wage or other compensation to any employee holding a position in the classified service unless a payroll or account for such salary, wage or other compensation containing the names of the employees to be paid, a statement of the amount to be paid each such employee and the services on account of which the same is paid bearing the certificate of the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary* that the employees named in such payroll or account have been appointed or employed and have held their positions during the period for which compensation is claimed, in pursuance of law, and of the rules made by the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary* under the provisions of this article, and have complied with the terms of this article and of the rules of the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary*, shall have been obtained by or filed with such auditing or disbursing or other officers. Any sums paid contrary to the provisions of this section may be recovered from any auditing or disbursing or other officer paying or authorizing the payment thereof, and from the sureties of his official bond.

39.

The facilities of the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary of Personnel* shall be available upon request to any municipality of this State adopting the merit system of appointment of public employees, and to any county of this State adopting such system either under the Constitution of this State, Article 11A and the Act of 1918, Chapter 488 [456], Section 5-R or otherwise to the end that the merit system may be administered in this State without unnecessary expense.

And said facilities shall also be available upon request, to the judges of the several circuits of this State, including the City of Baltimore, should such judges deem it desirable to require the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary* to provide for tests of the fitness of candidates for deputy clerks before confirming their appointment under the Constitution of this State, Article 4, Sections 26 and 37. Upon such requests being made to the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary* he shall assist in the promulgation of rules, the examination of candidates for positions and otherwise extend the full use of his facilities, without charge, to the officials making such request except that in the case of the use of such facilities by any municipality or county which causes the **[Commissioner]** *Secretary* to incur additional expenses for travel-