

been terminated with the condition, however, that he may not retire within three years after the date of entry in the State Police Retirement System.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 17, 1971.

CHAPTER 579

(House Bill 986)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume, 1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," to reduce the time period within which notice of examinations must be given by publication.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 20 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume, 1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," be and it hereby is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

20. Notice of examination.

Notice of every open examination scheduled by the Secretary 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 Secretary,] as many more times as *the Secretary may deem necessary AT LEAST TWO WEEKS [during the four successive weeks preceding the] prior to the date of 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 Secretary may prescribe. The Secretary shall, whenever necessary, provide facilities for holding examinations in different parts of the State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.*

Approved May 17, 1971.

CHAPTER 580

(House Bill 988)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact Section 49 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Supplement), title "Merit System," to provide for a training pro-