

(b) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws is directed to prepare and distribute to the boards, all forms required under the provisions of this subtitle.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 217

(Senate Bill 70)

AN ACT to add new Section 9E to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9D thereof, to adopt certain contractual employees of the Book Shop of Towson State College into the Classified Service without further examination or qualification under certain conditions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 9E be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9D thereof, and to read as follows:

*9E.*

*Any contractual employee of the Book Shop of Towson State College who has had as of July 1, 1971, continuous, full-time, satisfactory service for a period equivalent to that required to complete a probationary period in the Classified Service shall be adopted into the Merit System under Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, without further examination or qualification. An employee adopted into the State Merit System pursuant to this ~~Act~~ SECTION shall be given credit for the years of service rendered as a contractual employee of the Book Shop of Towson State College for the purpose of establishing (1) compensation rates including increments, and (2) the basic rates for annual leave and sick leave credit earnings provided under said Article 64A. An employee who has been included into the State Merit System under this ~~Act~~ SECTION shall not receive any diminution in compensation (based on the employee's salary as of the date of adoption) solely as a result of such inclusion. Neither shall there be any diminution in respective amounts of accumulated annual leave and sick leave credited to each such employee at the time of such inclusion.*

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

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