

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That it is the legislative intention to provide financial assistance for capital expenses which may be incurred after the effective date of this Act in the acquisition of land and the construction of public junior or community colleges.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 6, 1971.

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CHAPTER 351

(Senate Bill 453)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Merit System," to add new Section 9E to said Article of the Code to follow immediately after Section 9D thereof; to repeal Sections 2-6 and 2-6A of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitle "Election Boards and Employees," and to enact in lieu thereof a new Section 2-6 therein; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections ~~1-1 (a) (3)~~, 3-10 (a) and 16-8 (a) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Election Code," subtitles "~~Definitions~~," "Registration of Voters—How and by Whom Conducted," and "Voting Machines," correcting errors therein and placing under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Personnel all continuously employed permanent employees, both full-time and part-time, of the boards of supervisors of elections in the various subdivisions of the State; establishing procedures for the examination and qualification for eligibility for service in the classified service of the State of all employees of the various boards of supervisors of elections; PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN COUNTIES WHICH ELECT TO MAINTAIN A LOCAL MERIT SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS; prohibiting certain political activities of CERTAIN employees of the various boards of supervisors of elections; and relating generally to the employment status of said employees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 3 of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1970 Cumulative Supplement), title "Merit System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Section 9E be and it is hereby added to said Article of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 9D thereof, and all to read as follows:

3.

The following positions shall not be included in the classified service, namely: those held by officers elected by popular vote and officers whose appointment and election is provided by the Constitution, including deputy clerks provided for by the Constitution, [Articles 4,