

*period of time will stand for election) and the civilian member will be elected.*

*In years when elections are to be held, nominations will be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees in writing and signed by not less than 20 members of the Department; and no more than half of the persons signing the nomination may be from the same district or unit. Nominations must be received by the Secretary not less than 15 days prior to the date established for such election. The nominees corresponding with the number of members to be elected who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Persons so elected shall serve a term of four years and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. Election of members to the Board of Trustees of the Death Relief Fund may be held concurrent with the election of members to the Personnel Service Board as provided in the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore City, 1969 Edition, Section 16-12.*

*(b) Vacancies.—In the event an elected member dies, resigns, retires or ceases to be a member of the Department, his vacated position will be filled from those nominees of comparable rank or status who received the next highest number of votes in descending order from those nominees actually elected during the preceding election, and this member will serve the uncompleted term of the member whom he replaces. In the event there is no such nominee available, the Board of Trustees shall elect from the Department at large a member of the same rank to serve in his stead until the next scheduled election at which time a replacement shall be elected in accordance with the foregoing procedure.*

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

Approved May 6, 1971.

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CHAPTER 370  
(Senate Bill 249)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 3 of Article 961½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Veterans," subtitle "Relief Fund," to increase the membership of the Veterans Commission, and to provide that each congressional district shall be represented, with one member at-large, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF SAID COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 3 of Article 961½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "Veterans," subtitle "Relief Fund," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

3.

~~The Secretary of Employment and Social Services, with the approval of the Governor,~~ THE GOVERNOR shall appoint a Commis-