

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 54 (9) of Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Supplement), title "State Police," subtitle "State Police Retirement System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(9) The board of trustees shall elect from its membership a chairman. The Secretary of Personnel shall be secretary to the board, and shall be responsible for such administrative functions as had been previously performed by the Director of retirement systems to carry out the duties and business of the retirement system. The board shall engage such actuarial and other professional services as shall be required to transact the business of the retirement system, and the board shall determine the amounts of compensation to be paid for such services. The board of trustees [and all other expenses of the board necessary for] *shall engage the services of such persons as are at the date of establishment of the retirement system, administering the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland to the extent that the same may be practicable.* The compensation of all other persons engaged by the retirement system, and all other expenses of the board necessary for the operation of the retirement system, shall be paid at such rates and in such amounts as the Secretary of Personnel shall approve, and in accordance with appropriations made by the General Assembly. The Secretary of Personnel is authorized to delegate to the assistant secretary of personnel for retirement systems such administrative duties conferred upon the Secretary by this section as the Secretary deems appropriate.

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

Approved May 6, 1971.

CHAPTER 390

(House Bill 1)

AN ACT to repeal Section 33 of Article 30 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Deaf, Mute or Blind," subtitle "Miscellaneous," to repeal said subtitle, and to enact new Section 33 in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, to be under the new subtitle "White Cane Law," providing for equal rights and treatment for blind ~~and~~ OR visually handicapped persons in employment, public accommodations, and housing; providing for the admittance of accompanied guide dogs, without charge, to facilities open to the public, CLARIFYING THE LAW OF NEGLIGENCE IN REFERENCE TO THE BLIND OR VISUALLY HANDICAPPED; providing that the Governor proclaim annually October 15th to be "White Cane Day," and matters generally relating to blind and visually handicapped persons.