

CHAPTER 727

(Senate Bill 965)

AN ACT to add new Section 9J to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9-I thereof; and to repeal Section 192 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1965 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County Code," subtitle "Circuit Court," subheading "Parole and Probation," to require the transfer of local parole and probation employees in Harford County to the State of Maryland on July 1, 1974, to provide for the rights and benefits of transferred employees, to provide for the assumption of certain duties and functions by the State Division of Parole and Probation and to repeal the local law providing for parole and probation in Harford County.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 9J be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 9-I thereof, to read as follows:

9J.

(A) AS OF JULY 1, 1974, ANY EMPLOYEES OF HARFORD COUNTY WHO WERE PERFORMING PAROLE AND PROBATION DUTIES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROBATION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION, AND THE DIVISION ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1974, SHALL ASSUME ALL OF THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE EMPLOYEES OF HARFORD COUNTY DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING THE DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PENDING ON THAT DATE.

(B) THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TRANSFERRED SHALL BECOME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE PLACED IN THAT POSITION WHICH IS COMPARABLE OR MOST CLOSELY COMPARES WITH THEIR FORMER POSITION, WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION, AND WITHOUT DIMINUTION OR LOSS OF ANY BENEFITS TO WHICH ENTITLED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1974. THEY SHALL BE CREDITED WITH THE YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED IN HARFORD COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING COMPENSATION RATES, INCLUDING LONGEVITY STEPS, AND THE BASIC RATES FOR ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE.

(C) THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TRANSFERRED SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES PENSION SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE, AND SHALL TRANSFER ALL CONTRIBUTIONS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32A OF ARTICLE 73B.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 192 of the Code of Public Local Law of Harford County (1965 Edition, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County Code," subtitle "Circuit Court," subheading "Parole and Probation," be and it is hereby repealed.