

RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYEE.

(G) THE SCHEDULE OF SALARIES OF ALL ASSESSORS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE THAT SCHEDULE WHICH WAS IN EFFECT JULY 1, 1973. A SUM EQUIVALENT TO SIXTY PER CENTUM (60%) OF THE ANNUAL SALARY, ACCORDING TO THE RESPECTIVE SALARY RANGES SPECIFIED SHALL BE PAID BY THE COMPTROLLER FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND FROM GENERAL FUNDS TO THE SEVERAL COUNTIES AND THE CITY OF BALTIMORE. SUCH PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE COUNTIES AND BALTIMORE CITY QUARTERLY.

(H) THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED ASSESSORS IN EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY AS OF JANUARY 1, 1973 SHALL NOT BE DECREASED NOR POSITIONS TRANSFERRED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1976.

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(A) ALL CLERICAL PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN PERFORMING ASSESSMENT FUNCTIONS SHALL ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1975 BE EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN.

(B) ALL CLERICAL PERSONNEL WHO ON JULY 1, 1975 HAVE BEEN SO EMPLOYED BY ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR THERETO, MAY ELECT, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER JULY 1, 1975, TO REMAIN THEREAFTER AS A MEMBER OF OR SUBJECT TO THE MERIT, CLASSIFICATION OR SALARY SYSTEM, [OR] PENSION OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM, [OR] AND HEALTH BENEFIT SYSTEM OF THE COUNTIES OR BALTIMORE CITY AND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(C) ALL CLERICAL PERSONNEL WHO ELECT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) ABOVE TO REMAIN IN A LOCAL SALARY SYSTEM [OR] AND SUBJECT TO A LOCAL PENSION OR RETIREMENT SYSTEM [OR], AND HEALTH BENEFIT SYSTEM SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY SALARY INCREASES OR CHANGE IN BENEFITS APPLICABLE AFTER JULY 1, 1975 TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE LOCAL SYSTEM. ANY SALARY INCREASES OR CHANGE IN BENEFITS APPLICABLE TO LESS THAN ALL THE EMPLOYEES IN THE LOCAL SYSTEM WHICH ARE APPLICABLE TO SUCH EMPLOYEES SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR THEM ONLY UPON APPROVAL OF THE INCREASES OR CHANGE IN BENEFITS BY THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL. ANY CLERICAL PERSONNEL WHO ELECTS TO REMAIN IN A LOCAL SYSTEM SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THAT SYSTEM, AND SHALL NOT SHARE IN ANY BENEFIT OF A SYSTEM PROVIDED FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

(D) ALL CLERICAL PERSONNEL WHO ON JULY 1, 1975 BECOME SUBJECT TO ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW UNDER ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON JULY 1, 1975 AND SHALL BE PLACED IN THAT POSITION WHICH IS COMPARABLE OR WHICH MOST CLOSELY COMPARES WITH HIS FORMER POSITION, WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION, AND WITHOUT DIMINUTION OR LOSS OF ANY