

for payment of salaries and wages of all State employees and agencies and to provide for the time of assumption of the full powers of this Act by the Bureau and the determination of the effect of this Act.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 38A be and it is hereby added to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 38 thereof, and to read as follows:

38A.

(A) THE CENTRAL PAYROLL BUREAU IN THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY SHALL HANDLE AND PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL SALARIES AND WAGES (INCLUDING CUSTODY AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL SUPPORTING PAPERS AND RECORDS) FOR AND TO ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF WHOSE SALARIES OR WAGES ARE PAID FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INCLUDING OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ALL THEIR OFFICES, BRANCHES, AND UNITS. THIS SECTION PREVAILS OVER ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN SECTION 15 OF ARTICLE 77A, ARTICLE 94A, OR ELSEWHERE IN THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, SUBJECT, HOWEVER, TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) HEREOF.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) TO THE CONTRARY, WITH RESPECT TO ANY OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES THEREIN DESIGNATED WHOSE SALARIES OR WAGES ARE NOT, ON JULY 1, 1973, HANDLED BY THE CENTRAL PAYROLL BUREAU, THE BUREAU SHALL COMMENCE SUCH HANDLING AT SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM TIME TO TIME.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OR DEFINITIONS OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY, THE TERM "EMPLOYEE" AS USED IN THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE NON-CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES. IN THE EVENT OF ANY QUESTIONS AS TO WHO SHALL BE DEEMED OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE MATTER SHALL BE RESOLVED BY THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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