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

Approved May 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 288

(Senate Bill 1230)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2-6 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Cumulative Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "State Administrative Board of Election Laws," to increase the number of employees of the Board in Baltimore City, and to correct an error.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 2-6 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Cumulative Supplement), title "Election Code," subtitle "State Administrative Board of Election Laws," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2-6.

Subject to the provisions of Article 64A, Annotated Code of Maryland, or, in the case of a board covered by a local merit system as provided in Article 64A, § 19F (F)1 9G (F), subject to the rules and regulations of the personnel officials of the county in which the board is located, each board has the power to appoint and remove, clerks, registrars, voting machine custodians, stenographers, and other employees who shall be registered voters of the State of Maryland. During the time of acting in any capacity under this section, no employee shall hold any public or party office or be a candidate for any public or party office; use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of an election; or take an active part in political management or in political campaigns.

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to election judges, whatever their title may be, or to attorneys to the election boards.

In Baltimore City the board shall have no more THAN 45 employees Ithan were authorized by former § 2-6(a) of this article as was provided in that section immediately prior to June 1, 19711, or as provided hereafter 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.