

statement to that effect, it shall not be necessary to mail a notice to the address of the voter, and his registration may be forthwith cancelled as hereinafter provided, by removing the registration cards or forms of the voter from the original and duplicate files and placing the same in a transfer file.

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

Approved May 21, 1973.

CHAPTER 441

(Senate Bill 851)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 149(b) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, 1971 Supplement and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "District Courts," to provide corrective legislation confirming that probation agents of certain State courts have been transferred to the Maryland State Division of Parole and Probation.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 149(b) of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, 1971 Supplement and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "District Courts," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

149.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, all persons who on July 5, 1971 in the City of Baltimore or any county were clerical, administrative or constabular employees and full-time committing magistrates employed by a people's court, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, a magistrates court, or the Housing Court of Baltimore County shall continue as employees of the District Court. A person who became an employee of the District Court pursuant to this subsection shall be given credit for prior service with the prior employer for purposes of determining future annual and sick leave, provided, however, that although the persons shall otherwise be in the State service, the person shall elect either to remain under any county, city or municipal leave, retirement, or health system of which they are then a part, or to transfer to the leave, retirement, or health system of the State; provided that persons electing to transfer to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland under the provisions of § 32A of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, shall retain credit for past service if in an actuarially-funded county, city or municipal retirement system. Any employee made part of the State classified service shall not be deemed a permanent employee unless the period of service with his prior governmental employer would qualify the employee for permanent status if the employee had been serving in the State service during the period; provided, however, that the prior service shall be credited against the applicable probationary period required to be served under the provisions of the Merit System Law. It is further provided that any clerical, administrative or constabular employee otherwise within the provisions of this subsection but who was hired, promoted or reclassified by his governmental employer after January 1, 1971, but prior to July 4, 1971, shall continue as an employee of the District Court only upon a determination by the chief judge of the District Court that the employee's continued service in the job classification held