THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PRINCE GEORGE'S MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IN OFFICE ON JUNE 1, 1975 FOR THE MEMBER'S CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission from Montgomery County for any cause shall be filled by the County Council, for the unexpired term and any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission from Prince George's County shall be filled in the manner provided in this title for the making of appointments to the Commission. A person appointed to fill any vacancy for an unexpired term shall be a member of the same political party as was represented by the member who vacated the office.

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- (b) For the purpose of making and adopting the rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, there is created the merit system board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The board consists of three members to be appointed by the Commission, all of whom shall be residents of the Maryland-Washington Regional District, no more than two members may be from any one county. Nothing contained in this section shall require that appointments be made for the purpose of rotating majority membership on the board between residents of those portions of Montgomery County and Prince George's County lying within the district. Members of the board appointed prior to July 1, 1973, shall continue to serve the unexpired portion of their three-year terms. Effective July 1, 1973, members of the board shall be appointed for a term of four years. Vacancies [of] ON the board shall be filled in the same manner as for the making of original appointments. One member of the board shall be named by the Commission as chairman and serve at the pleasure of the Commission. All members of the board shall continue to serve until their successor is duly appointed. All appointees shall be knowledgeable and experienced in personnel matters. No appointee may be a park and planning commission member or official of the park and planning commission staff at the time of appointment to the merit board. Board members may be reappointed for new terms if they are qualified under the provisions of this section.
- (e) Members of the board shall receive a per diem compensation of [\$35] \$50 for every day engaged in the business of the Board, and all members of the Board shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. THE TOTAL IN ANY ONE FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED \$2400.

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(a) None of the provisions of any public general law governing the preparation and filing of budgets by agencies of the State of Maryland are applicable to the