

OF PROBATION SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION, AND THE DIVISION, ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, SHALL ASSUME ALL OF THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO THE EMPLOYEES OF BALTIMORE COUNTY DESIGNATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING THE DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PENDING ON THAT DATE.

~~(B) THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TRANSFERRED SHALL BECOME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM LAW UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE PLACED IN THAT POSITION WHICH IS COMPARABLE OR MOST CLOSELY COMPARES WITH THEIR FORMER POSITION, WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION, AND WITHOUT DIMINUTION OR LOSS OF ANY BENEFITS TO WHICH ENTITLED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1977. THEY SHALL BE CREDITED WITH THE YEARS OF SERVICE RENDERED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING COMPENSATION RATES, INCLUDING LONGEVITY STEPS, AND THE BASIC RATES FOR ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE.~~

(B) ANY EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPOINTED WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION. EACH EMPLOYEE SHALL BE PLACED IN THAT CLASSIFICATION WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO, OR MOST CLOSELY COMPARES WITH, THE EMPLOYEE'S FORMER POSITION IN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

EMPLOYEES SO TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT SUFFER A DIMINUTION OF SALARY OR WAGES, ACCRUED PAID LEAVE WHETHER EARNED OR GRANTED, OR SENIORITY RIGHTS. ANY INCREASE IN SALARY OR WAGES GRANTED SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1976, MAY BE RETAINED UPON APPOINTMENT TO THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL. THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL SHALL CONSIDER THE MONETARY VALUE OF ANY AND ALL OTHER BENEFITS, ENTITLEMENTS, SERVICES OR PREROGATIVES AND, AT HIS DISCRETION AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE MAY TAKE SUCH VALUES OR ANY PORTION THEREOF INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF SALARY UPON APPOINTMENT. ONCE THE RATE OF SALARY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UPON APPOINTMENT, THE EMPLOYEE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THE SAME BENEFITS PROVIDED TO CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE.

(C) THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TRANSFERRED SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES PENSION RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE 73B OF THIS CODE, AND SHALL TRANSFER ALL CONTRIBUTIONS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 32A OF ARTICLE 73B.

(D) BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, SHALL FURNISH THE DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION WITH SUITABLE SPACE, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES IN ORDER THAT THE DIVISION MAY DISCHARGE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE COUNTY.