4977 1978, OR WHO HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FEWER THAN SIX MONTHS ON THE DATE OF APPLICATION BY THE DISTRICT WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE UPON COMPLETION OF SIX MONTHS OF SATISFACTORY EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DISTRICT, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL APPCINTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION BY THE DISTRICT SHALL BE APPOINTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE.

- (D) AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BECCME A MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND WITH SERVICE CREDIT COMMENCING ON THE DATE THE EMPLOYEE IS COVERED IN THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM. IN THE EVENT THE MEMBER'S COMPENSATION IS PAID WHOLLY OR PARTLY PROM FUNDS OTHER THAN STATE FUNDS, THE EMPLOYER'S COST OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL ALSO BE PROPORTIONATELY PAID FROM THE OTHER FUNDS.
- (E) EMPLOYEES APPOINTED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1977
 1978 PURSUANT TO THE SUBSECTION SHALL BE GIVEN A JANUARY
 INCREMENT DATE AND SHALL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST INCREMENT ON
 JANUARY 1, 1978 1979. EMPLOYEES SO APPOINTED SUBSEQUENT
 TO JULY 1, 1977 1978 SHALL RECEIVE AN INCREMENT AS IF THE
 APPOINTMENT DATE WERE THE ENTRY ON DUTY DATE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 50 of Article 64A — Merit System, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

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The number of employees in the classified service employed on a part-time basis shall not at any time exceed [five] 5 percent of the total number of employees in the classified service, EXCEPT THAT IN TRANSFERRING SCIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT EMPLOYEES (SECTION 8-203(E) OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE AND SECTION 9 OF THIS ARTICLE) TO THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM MORE THAN 5 PERCENT OF SUCH EMPLOYEES MAY BE PART-TIME UNTIL SUCH TIME AS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO MAKE EACH POSITION FULL-TIME.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 4977 1978.

Approved May 26, 1977.