

defendants have been served by a subpoena or in any other manner provided by law, shall have the force and effect of a judgment in personam and the County Commissioners may sue, or file a bill in equity to enforce said liens against the owner of record at the time that suit is filed or any owner of record between said dates, and publication thereon shall be notice to all persons having any interest in the property.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1978.

Approved May 16, 1978.

CHAPTER 523

(Senate Bill 955)

AN ACT concerning

State Employees - Defense of Sovereign Immunity

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the appointing authorities of State government from invoking the doctrine of sovereign immunity at an administrative or judicial proceeding concerning disciplinary charges against a State employee under the Merit System.

BY adding to

Article 64A - Merit System
Section 56
Annotated Code of Maryland
{1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement}

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

56.

IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR JUDICIAL PROCEEDING HELD PURSUANT TO THIS OR ANY OTHER ARTICLE OR PURSUANT TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL, WHERE CHARGES FOR SEPARATION, DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSIONS, AND INVOLUNTARY DEMOTIONS OF STATE EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE ADJUDICATED, THE DEFENSE OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act