

SECTION 22. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any person appointed to the position and serving as Chairman of the Board of Contract Appeals of the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Acts of 1978, and serving immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be the Chairman of the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals created by this Act. The individual shall serve from July 1, 1981 to February 1, 1984 and shall retain all of the rights, status, salary, and benefits that he was entitled to prior to the repeal of the provisions of Chapter 418. Any part-time member of the Board of Contract Appeals of the Department of Transportation appointed pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Acts of 1978, and serving immediately prior to the effective date of this Act, shall be a member of the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals created by this Act, to serve on a part-time basis, until the appointment and qualification of their successors as provided in Section 1. All appeals pending before the Board of Contract Appeals of the Department of Transportation as of the effective date of this Act are transferred to the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals.

SECTION 23. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 24. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, including all laws or parts of laws enacted by the 1980 Session of the General Assembly, that are inconsistent with this Act, are superseded to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 25. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That although a presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act, the procedural provisions of this Act, including those requiring review by the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals, may, at the option of the contractor, apply to contracts in force on the effective date of such provisions.

SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981. However, Section ~~2-101(e)~~ 2-301(a) of Article 21 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1980.

Approved May 27, 1980.

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