

commissioner of personnel to give his approval or disapproval, with the reasons therefor to the [said] commission, of [said] THE additional position classification under the merit system established by [said] THE commission, or any abolishments thereof, within sixty days after the receipt thereof by him. In the event such approval or disapproval is not forthcoming within [said] THE period of sixty days, the additional position classifications or abolishments thereof, as proposed by the [said] commission shall become official and be deemed the classified list of positions under the merit system as if the approval of the state commissioner of personnel had been given.

11-3. Examinations -- Generally.

(A) Promptly upon the filing of the list of positions and salaries under the merit system with the state commissioner of personnel, the [said] commission shall prepare and hold examinations to establish a list of persons eligible for appointment to vacancies in the various positions.

(B) Examinations may be held by the [said] commission whenever it deems it necessary to establish an additional list of eligible persons for any position in the classified list. The examinations may be oral or written, or in the form of a demonstration of skill, or any combination of these, and shall be of a character to fairly test and determine the relative ability of the candidate actually to perform the duty of the classification to which he seeks to be appointed. All examinations shall be submitted to the state commissioner of personnel for his approval before being given. Examinations shall be competitive, free and open to all persons who may be lawfully appointed to any position within the class for which the examination is held; provided, however, that the [said] commission may from time to time provide for general rules exempting from competitive examination positions to be filled by semi-skilled or unskilled manual laborers, and may as it sees fit provide in lieu of [said] THE competitive examination such system of registration for [said] laborers or otherwise as in its judgment will best provide for such positions.

11-4. Same -- Veterans' preference.

Honorably discharged veterans of the military and naval services of the United States who were bona fide residents of the State of Maryland when entering the military and naval services of the United States shall, until January 1, 1950, receive a credit of five [(5)] per cent in all examinations for appointment.

11-5. Same -- Notice of examinations.

Notice of the time, place and general scope of every examination, and of the duties, pay and experience advantageous or requisite for all positions in the class for