

(2) (i) The following counties are excepted from these express powers.

(ii) Anne Arundel County,

(iii) Baltimore County,

(iv) Cecil County; included, however, in subsections (1) and (s-1),

(v) Howard County,

(vi) Prince George's County,

(vii) Queen Anne's County; included, however, in subsections (f), (s)(3), (s-1), and (ii),

(viii) Worcester County; included, however, in subsections (1), (s)(2), (x), (x-1), (x-2), and (y).

(f) To establish a merit system in connection with the appointment of all county officials and employees not elected or appointed under the Constitution or public general laws of the State. This subsection shall be applicable in Dorchester, Somerset, and Queen Anne's counties. In Dorchester County, the County Commissioners additionally shall have the power and authority to include in the county's merit system the employees of the Dorchester County liquor control board, the Dorchester County Sheriff's department, and the Dorchester County Sanitary District. IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY INCLUDE IN THE COUNTY'S MERIT SYSTEM THE EMPLOYEES OF THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

The County Commissioners of Garrett County shall institute a merit system for all county employees pursuant to the final reports and recommendations of the merit system commission and governmental study commission of Garrett County, the system to be effective as of January 1, 1972.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved April 9, 1985.

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CHAPTER 51

(House Bill 322)

AN ACT concerning