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

Approved April 9, 1985.

CHAPTER 70

(House Bill 609)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - County Commissioners - Merit System

FOR the purpose of clarifying the power and authority of the Somerset County Commissioners to include in the county's merit system the employees of the Somerset County Sheriff's Department; and generally relating to the power and authority of the Somerset County Commissioners to establish a merit system.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners Section 3(a)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25 - County Commissioners Section 3(f) Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 - County Commissioners

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- (a) (1) The county commissioners of each county in this State, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which have been or may be granted them, have the following express powers.
- (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