

(III) [All] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, ALL other employees of the Secretary's office[, unless otherwise provided by law,] shall be appointed and removed by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of [Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland] THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

6-203.

(c) (1) The Administration may employ professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel to carry out its duties and functions within the limits of budgetary appropriations from time to time.

(2) (I) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH OR OTHERWISE BY LAW, THE employees of the Administration[, except the Director and deputy director,] shall be subject to the provisions [contained in Article 64A of Code, title "Merit System."] OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

(II) THE DIRECTOR AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

(3) Any employee of the Administration who is eligible for transfer to the [State Merit System,] CLASSIFIED SERVICE and who has held this position for at least six (6) months, shall be so transferred without further probation, examination, or qualification. An employee transferred to the [State Merit System,] CLASSIFIED SERVICE, pursuant to this subsection shall be transferred in the respective job classification under which ~~he~~ THE EMPLOYEE is employed at the time of transfer and shall not receive any diminution in compensation and/or respective amounts of accumulated leave or sick leave, solely as a result of this transfer.

6-405.

(c) (1) The Office may employ professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel to carry out its duties and functions within the limits of budgetary appropriations from time to time.

(2) [The] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE employees of the program shall be subject to the provisions [contained in Article 64A of the Code, title "Merit System".] OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

(3) Any employee of the Office who is eligible for transfer to the [State Merit System,] CLASSIFIED SERVICE, and who has held this position for at least 6 months, shall be so transferred without further probation, examination, or qualification. An employee transferred to the [State Merit System,] CLASSIFIED SERVICE pursuant to this subsection shall be transferred in the respective job classification under which ~~he~~ THE EMPLOYEE is employed at the time of transfer ~~and classification under which he is employed at the time of transfer~~ and shall not receive any diminution in compensation or respective amounts of accumulated leave or sick leave, solely as a result of this transfer.