

(II) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH OR OTHERWISE BY LAW, THE director appoints and removes these employees in accordance with the provisions [and restrictions of the State Merit System Law] OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

(III) [, except that the] THE positions which are designated by the director, with the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources, as technical, administrative, and professional positions for the operation and support of the Service are unclassified SERVICE positions which receive the salaries set by the Secretary of Natural Resources and provided in the budget.

(IV) [The other State employees of the Service are classified employees.] Provision shall be made in the budget for compensation of the State employees of the Service.

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(b) The Secretary shall, within the limits of any appropriation made for this purpose, commission forest, park, and wildlife rangers as the Secretary deems necessary for the enforcement of laws and regulations as provided in this subsection. All appointments shall be made from a list of eligible persons prepared by the Secretary of Personnel, in accordance with [the merit system] THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE PERSONNEL ARTICLE THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED SERVICE EMPLOYEES, or from a list prepared by the Department as permitted by the Secretary of Personnel. An employee so commissioned and assigned law enforcement duties has and may exercise the powers of a Natural Resources police officer or a law enforcement officer of the State. These powers may be exercised upon:

- (1) Properties owned by the State and managed by the Department;
- (2) Railroad rights-of-way and utility properties which are not owned by the State, but which traverse properties owned by the State and managed by the Department;
- (3) All public and private properties which are within the boundaries of State properties managed by the Department;
- (4) All waters of the State within one mile of the shoreline of all properties owned by the Department;
- (5) All public and private property adjoining property owned by the State and managed by the Department;
- (6) All park property in Maryland owned by the federal government; and
- (7) Any property in Maryland for the purpose of executing a warrant that has resulted from law enforcement activities on property on which a forest, park, and wildlife ranger may exercise law enforcement powers.