

Department. All appointments shall be made from a list of eligible persons prepared by the Secretary of Personnel in accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel Article that govern classified service employees.

(b) No person shall be appointed to the Department unless [he] THE PERSON is a bona fide resident of the State of Maryland on the date of [his] THE PERSON'S appointment and possesses the character, educational, and other qualifications established by the [Superintendent] SECRETARY pursuant to § 15 OF THIS ARTICLE. An employee who has been discharged from the Department is not qualified for reappointment. A police employee who has resigned from the Department for any reason other than entry into the military service is not qualified for reappointment; except the [Superintendent] SECRETARY may prescribe by rule for the reappointment of a police employee who resigned in good standing if such person meets the requirements then prescribed for initial appointment. Under no conditions shall one be reappointed to a rank higher than [he] THE PERSON previously held.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

This section is amended to reflect the status of the head of the Department of State Police as the Secretary of a principal department of State government in light of Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994 and to make stylistic changes.

18.

All police employees, including persons appointed to the Department for training prior to regular assignment as a police employee, shall remain in a probationary status for a period of two years from the date of appointment to the Department. Civilian employees shall remain in a probationary status for the period prescribed under Title 4, Subtitle 4 of the State Personnel Article. The [Superintendent] SECRETARY may discharge an employee in probationary status for any cause which the [Superintendent] SECRETARY, in the [Superintendent's] SECRETARY'S sole discretion, deems sufficient.

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This section is amended to reflect the status of the head of the Department of State Police as the Secretary of a principal department of State government in light of Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994.

19.

(a) All promotions shall be made by the [Superintendent] SECRETARY.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no police employee shall be appointed or promoted to any rank except one which requires technical knowledge, unless the employee is bypassing an obsolete rank and currently fills the rank immediately below the rank that has been declared obsolete, or has filled the rank immediately below that to which the employee is promoted; but as to any noncommissioned rank which contains less than twenty-five police employees, the [Superintendent] SECRETARY may by rule direct that it is unnecessary to fill such rank for purposes of promotion. Promotion to any noncommissioned rank shall be made in the manner prescribed by rule. Promotion to any commissioned rank, except deputy [superintendent] SECRETARY, shall be made