reject a classified service employee at any time during probation by notifying the Secretary in writing of the rejection and the reason for it.

- (b) When rejected, the employee is permanently separated from the position.] [9-103.
- (a) If a classified service employee is on probation as a result of a promotion, the employee may be rejected only with the consent of the Secretary.
- (b) The Secretary shall adopt regulations that provide for the right of appeal by an employee who is rejected while on probation as a result of a promotion.]

  [9-104.

If an individual has been rejected under this subtitle, the Secretary may return the individual's name to a list of eligible candidates for future certification to another position in the same class.]

[Subtitle 2. Removals for Cause After Probation.]

**[ 9–201.** 

This subtitle applies only to classified service employees.] [9-202.

An appointing authority may remove a classified service employee who has completed probation only for cause.]

[9-203.

- (a) The Secretary shall adopt regulations that prescribe what may constitute cause for removal after probation of classified service employees.
- (b) A classified service employee may not be removed for any cause prohibited by § 3-405 of this article.]

**[9-204.** 

An appointing authority may remove a classified service employee for cause only if:

- (1) written charges for removal are submitted to the Secretary:
  - (i) by the appointing authority; or
- (ii) subject to the approval of the appointing authority or the Secretary, by any resident of this State;
  - (2) the employee is given a copy of the charges; and
- (3) the employee is given an opportunity to be heard on appeal.]
  [9-205.
- (a) A classified service employee may appeal the charges for removal to the Secretary within the time and in the manner required by regulation.