- (B) IF, IN THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY'S JUDGMENT, A PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO SATISFACTORILY PERFORM THE DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL:
- (1) RETURN THE EMPLOYEE TO THE EMPLOYEE'S FORMER POSITION IF IT IS VACANT; OR
- (2) DEMOTE THE EMPLOYEE TO A POSITION COMPARABLE TO THE EMPLOYEE'S POSITION WITHIN THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY'S JURISDICTION.
- (C) A PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE MAY APPEAL A DEMOTION UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY—ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE DEMOTION IS ILLEGAL OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL AS A DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

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 - (A) THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS IN A POSITION:
 - (1) UNDER A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT; OR
 - (2) IN THE MANAGEMENT SERVICE; OR
 - (3) IN THE EXECUTIVE SERVICE.
 - (B) EACH EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION:
- (1) SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S APPOINTING AUTHORITY; AND
- (2) MAY BE TERMINATED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ANY REASON, SOLELY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.
- (C) (1) AN EMPLOYEE OR AN EMPLOYEE'S REPRESENTATIVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF AN EMPLOYMENT TERMINATION UNDER THIS SECTION WITH THE HEAD OF THE PRINCIPAL UNIT WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING NOTICE OF THE TERMINATION AS DESCRIBED UNDER § 11–113 OF THIS TITLE.
 - (2) AN APPEAL:
- (I) MUST BE FILED WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE EMPLOYEE RECEIVES NOTICE OF THE TERMINATION; AND
- (II) MAY ONLY BE BASED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE TERMINATION IS ILLEGAL OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL
- (3) THE EMPLOYEE HAS THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN AN APPEAL UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (D) THE HEAD OF THE PRINCIPAL UNIT MAY CONFER WITH THE EMPLOYEE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.
 - (E) (1) THE HEAD OF THE PRINCIPAL UNIT MAY:
 - (I) UPHOLD THE TERMINATION; OR