authorities, shall eliminate from the State budget at least 60% of the position identification numbers of the positions that are vacated by individuals whose retirement date was determined in accordance with Section 8 of this Act;

- (4) An appointing authority may not fill a position that is vacated by an individual who retires in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of this Act until the earlier of:
 - (i) July 1, 1997; or
- (ii) The date on which the appropriate official of the State, as specified in paragraph (5) (4) of this section of this Act, certifies to the appointing authority the position identification numbers that have been eliminated from the appointing authority's budget as required under this Act; and
- (5) (4) (5) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the The Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning shall determine and certify to the appropriate appointing authority which position identification numbers are to be eliminated for positions in the Executive Branch of State government other than those specified in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph;
- (ii) The president of each public senior higher education institution as defined in § 10-101 of the Education Article, shall determine and certify to the appropriate appointing authority which position identification numbers are to be eliminated for positions in that public senior higher education institutions; and
- (iii) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates jointly shall determine and certify to the appropriate appointing authority which position identification numbers are to be eliminated for positions in the Legislative Branch of State government; and government.
- (iv) The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall determine and certify to the appropriate appointing authority which position identification numbers are to be climinated for positions in the Judicial Branch of State government.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (1) In (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, in this section of this Act, "net salary savings" means the amount of an appropriation of State funds, whether special or general funds, for a unit of State government that is saved as a result of the <u>vacancy or</u> elimination of positions under <u>Section 4 of</u> this Act, less the amounts paid by the State for unused annual leave for individuals who retire under <u>Section 4 of</u> this Act; <u>and</u>
- (ii) For the Department of Assessments and Taxation, for individuals occupying positions in the Prince George's County Assessment Office who are paid on the county scale and retire under this Act and whose position is eliminated under Section 4 of this Act, "net salary savings" means the amount of an appropriation of State funds, whether special or general funds, that is saved as a result of the elimination of those positions under Section 4 of this Act, less the amounts paid by the State for unused annual leave and unused sick leave for those individuals;