

the department to which the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the agency so abolished or superseded are transferred, or to or in the successor to the agency so abolished or superseded; and where some only of the rights, powers, duties, obligations or functions of an existing office, board, commission, department or other governmental agency are transferred to another department, then the books, papers, maps, charts, plans, records, documents and all supplies, equipment and other property relating to the rights, powers, duties, obligations or functions so transferred shall be delivered to or shall vest in the department to which such transfer is made; and where none of the rights, powers, duties, obligations or functions of an existing office, board, commission, department or other governmental agency is transferred to another department, then the books, papers, maps, charts, plans, records, documents and all supplies, equipment and other property of the existing office, board, commission, department or other governmental agency so abolished, shall be delivered to the Board of Public Works.

5. All persons in the classified service under the provisions of Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, known as the Merit System Law, who are employed by any officer, board, commission, department or other governmental agency, abolished or superseded by any Act of the Legislature (unless otherwise provided in such Act), shall retain their merit system status, and shall be eligible for re-employment in their respective classified service positions in the department in which the powers and duties of such agency become vested, or elsewhere in the State Merit System service, in accordance with the Merit System Law, and the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto.

6. All petitions, hearings and other proceedings pending before any officer, board, commission, department or other governmental agency which is abolished or superseded by any Act of the Legislature, and all prosecutions, legal or other proceedings and investigations begun by or before any such agency so abolished or superseded, and not completed at the time of the taking effect of such Act, shall continue and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the passage of such Act, and may be completed before or by the department which succeeds to the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the agency so abolished or superseded, or before or by the successor of the agency so abolished or superseded, to the same extent that such agency itself could have done had the same not been abolished or superseded, and all penalties, fines or forfeitures incurred or