

~~the terms to which they were appointed expire.~~ CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES WHICH CONSTITUTE PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT SHALL RETAIN THEIR MERIT SYSTEM STATUS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.

~~SEC. 9.~~ 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all forms of the boards, commissions, offices or other agencies included within the Department of Employment and Social Services existing on August 31, 1970 together with all rules, regulations, orders and other directives relating thereto, or promulgated thereby, and then in effect, shall continue in force pending exercise by the Secretary or the boards, commissions, offices or agencies of the powers, duties and responsibilities vested in him or them by this Act or by other provisions of law.

~~SEC. 10.~~ 9. *And be it further enacted,* That if any part of this act, or any section or part of the section thereof, shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of this Act, or any section or part of a section hereof, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed the remaining parts of this act, or sections or parts of sections hereof, if such unconstitutionality or invalidity had been known; and to this end, all parts, sections, and parts of sections of this act are declared to be severable.

~~SEC. 11.~~ 10. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws or parts of laws, public general or public local, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

~~SEC. 12.~~ 11. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect September 1, 1970.

Approved April 15, 1970

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## CHAPTER 97

(House Bill 464)

AN ACT to repeal Section 231 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "Department of Public Improvements"; and to add ENACT Sections 231, 231A, 231B, 231C, 231D, 231E, 231F, 231G, 231H, 231-I, 231J, 231K and 231L to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), to be under the title "~~Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments,~~" and to be under the new subtitle "~~The Department of General Services,~~" to follow immediately after Section 230 thereof IN LIEU THEREOF, TO STAND IN THE PLACE OF THE SECTION REPEALED, AND