

[(h)] [(B)] The SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY [county commissioners or county council] shall submit to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, from the applicants for each position to be filled, a list of not less than three applicants for each position, [provided, however, that in Montgomery County the list of applicants shall be submitted by the county executive with the approval of the county council. The State Department of Assessments and Taxation WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL shall interview, examine and grade said applicants, in order to determine their relative qualifications for the position or positions to be filled, and shall certify the list of applicants and their respective grades to the SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH COUNTY AND BALTIMORE CITY [county commissioners or county council, and the county executive of Montgomery County], who shall appoint an assessor (by whatever title designated) for each position from the [said] list, [provided, however, that all appointments by the county executive of Montgomery County shall be subject to the confirmation of the county council]. In the event of the resignation, death or removal of any assessor, the vacancy shall be filled [by the county commissioners or county council and the county executive of Montgomery County in the manner hereinbefore set forth,] within 60 days from the date when the vacancy occurs. [The annual salaries of the county assessors and all other expenses incident to local assessment shall be levied for and paid by the several boards of county commissioners and county councils. After July 1, 1961, assessors (by whatever title designated) shall not hold their positions after they have attained the age of seventy years (70).] UPON THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OR COUNTY COUNCIL, OR COUNTY EXECUTIVE IF ANY, THE SUPERVISORS SHALL FURNISH THE NAMES OF THE APPLICANTS SUBMITTED FOR ANY ASSESSING POSITION.

[(i)] (C) [The] NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, THE assessors in Baltimore City, (by whatever title designated), shall be appointed [as provided by local law or ordinance, but before any assessor shall be appointed, the officer making such appointment shall submit the lists of names from which said appointment or appointments are to be made to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for certification by said Department, as provided relative to the appointment of assessors in the several counties] IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR THE COUNTIES IN SUBSECTION (B).

The State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall have the same right of removal of assessors in Baltimore City as it has of assessors in the counties, with the right of appeal of any assessors so removed to the city service commission of Baltimore City.

[(j)] (D) Upon appointment, each assessor shall perform his duties under the direction of the supervisor of assessments of the county or of the director of the department of assessments of Baltimore City, as the case may be, and shall hold his position during good behavior, subject only to removal by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation after hearing for incompetency or other cause. ||

(A) THE SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE ALLOWED SUCH PROFESSIONAL ASSESSING PERSONNEL AS IS PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

[(k)] Nothing herein shall affect the powers and duties of the department of assessments in Baltimore City, as prescribed by local law and ordinance.]