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[The president and a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Harford County, as designated by the Board, shall be members of The Council and each shall have authority to nominate, constitute and appoint a permanent alternate, who shall be an elected or appointed official of the government of Harford County, to serve in his absence as a member of The Council. The Board of County Commissioners of Harford County shall appoint a member of the Harford County planning and zoning commission to serve as a member of The Council.]

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HARFORD COUNTY SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO NOMINATE, CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT A PERMANENT ALTERNATE, WHO SHALL BE AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HARFORD COUNTY, TO SERVE IN HIS ABSENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. THE ~~[[CHAIRMAN]]~~ PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL AND SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO NOMINATE, CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT AS A PERMANENT ALTERNATE, A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY TO SERVE IN HIS ABSENCE AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF HARFORD COUNTY SHALL APPOINT A MEMBER OF THE HARFORD COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 7, 1973.

CHAPTER 255

(Senate Bill 884)

AN ACT to add a new Section 38A to Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume), title "Merit System," to follow immediately after Section 38 thereof, ~~[[designating the Central Payroll Bureau to handle and provide for the payment of all salaries and wages to all officers and employees of the State, including the University of Maryland and the Department of Transportation, and designating the effect of this act upon those and other agencies.]]~~ to change the responsibility of the Central Payroll Bureau