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[CHAPTER 605]

AN ACT

December 20, 1941
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[Public Law 363]

To amend section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes", approved March 16, 1926.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Public Welfare in and for the District of Columbia, to determine its functions, and for other purposes," approved March 16, 1926, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Board of Public Welfare, D. C.
44 Stat. 209.
D. C. Code § 3-105.

"SEC. 5. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, upon the nomination of the Board, are hereby authorized to appoint a Director of Public Welfare, which position is hereby authorized and created, who shall be the chief executive officer of the Board and shall be charged, subject to its general supervision, with the executive and administrative duties provided for in this Act. The Director shall be a person of such training, experience, and capacity as will especially qualify him or her to discharge the duties of the office. The Director of Public Welfare may be discharged by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia upon recommendation of the Board.

Director of Public Welfare.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized, upon the nomination of the Board, to appoint such personnel as may be necessary for the efficient performance of the duties of the Board: *Provided, however*, That all employees of the Board, except the Director, shall be appointed in accordance with and be subject to the provisions of an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States', approved January 16, 1883, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, secs. 638 et seq.), and the rules and regulations made in pursuance thereof in the same manner as members in the classified civil service of the United States, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, however, being authorized in their discretion to give preference to residents of the District of Columbia. The Civil Service Commission is hereby authorized and directed to confer a competitive civil-service status upon those employees performing services for the Board on the effective date of this Act who are citizens of the United States and who, within six months after the effective date of this Act, are certified by the Commissioners, upon recommendation of the Board, (a) as having been appointed from among the highest available eligibles from an appropriate register of the Civil Service Commission or (b) as having rendered active service for the Board prior to the effective date of this Act, and who qualify in such appropriate noncompetitive examinations as the Civil Service Commission may prescribe, except that as to employees engaged in work in which the Federal Government shares the expense, the Board of Public Welfare shall prescribe such conditions for eligibility to enter appropriate noncompetitive examinations prescribed by the Civil Service Commission as shall conform to the Federal Acts providing for Federal financial participation and to rules and regulations of the Federal agencies administering such Acts. Any employee of the Board who fails to meet these requirements or who fails to take or pass the noncompetitive examination prescribed by the Commission, or who is not certified by the Commissioners, may continue to serve for a period of not more than thirty days after the establishment of appropriate registers."

Appointment of other personnel.

Proviso.
Civil-service provisions.

22 Stat. 403.

Status of present employees.

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