

City Service Commission (cont'd)

"* * * Administrative costs of the * * * Department of Welfare of Baltimore City for the programs of old age assistance, aid to dependent children and assistance to needy blind * * * shall be paid out of the funds derived from local sources or out of the allotments from State funds or both, as the Board of State Aid and Charities may prescribe."

Section 2 of Article 88-A of the Maryland Code provides that all of the activities of the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the Board of State Aid and Charities. Section 8-A of said Article provides:

"The appointment and removal of all paid personnel under this Article shall be governed by the provisions of Article 64-A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, but in the case of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, Sections 203-A to 203-Q inclusive, of the Baltimore City Charter shall govern. Provided, however, that the Board of State Aid and Charities may prescribe the number, salaries and minimum qualifications of the personnel engaged in the administration of such activities of the local boards as are financed in whole or in part by the State."

Under Sections 8-G and 8-E of the said Article, the power to appoint the personnel for the administration of relief is vested in the Department of Public Welfare, subject, however, to the conditions prescribed in Section 8-A above quoted.

It accordingly appears that insofar as the employees of the Department of Welfare, who are employed in the administration of the relief activities financed in whole or in part by the State, are concerned, such employees are to all intents and purposes employees of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, to be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 203-A to 203-Q of the Baltimore City Charter (1927 Edition). However, the number of employees to be employed in such activities and their minimum qualifications and their salaries are subject to regulation by the Board of State Aid and Charities.

Aside from the foregoing, the program of aid to dependent children is regulated by Chapter 148 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1936, Special Session, as amended by Chapter 39 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1937, Regular Session, and by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1937, Special Session, codified in the Code as Article 88-A, Sections 21 to 34. The program of