§ 81-b. Placement rosters in the state service; certification and appointment therefrom. 1. Establishment of placement rosters in the state service; general provisions. The head of any department, office or institution from which an employee in the state service is to be suspended or demoted in accordance with the provisions of section eighty of this article, shall, no later than the date on which they furnish the state civil service department with the employee information required pursuant to section eighty-one-a of this article for purposes of establishing reemployment rosters, furnish the state civil service department with a statement showing such employee's name, title or position, date of appointment, and the anticipated date of and reason for suspension or demotion. Upon receiving such information, it shall be the duty of the department forthwith to place the name of such employee upon a placement roster for filling vacancies in the same title or in any comparable position as determined by the department, except that employees suspended or demoted from positions in the noncompetitive and labor classes may not be certified to fill vacancies in the competitive class. Such placement roster shall be certified for filling a vacancy in any such position before certification is made from any other list, including a promotion eligible list, but not prior to a preferred list or a reemployment roster. Eligibility for appointment of an employee whose name appears on any such placement roster shall terminate at such time as the employee is suspended or demoted in accordance with the provisions of section eighty of this article. Upon such employee's suspension or demotion, the department shall place the name of such employee upon a preferred list, and a reemployment roster as appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of sections eighty-one and eighty-one-a of this article.

2. Order of certification of names from a placement roster. The names of employees on a placement roster shall be certified therefrom with equal ranking for appointment.

3. Probationary term. All appointments from a placement roster shall require completion of a probationary term in accordance with rules promulgated by the commission pursuant to subdivision two of section sixty-three of this chapter.

4. Effect of appointment or failure or refusal to accept appointment. The commission shall adopt rules providing for the relinquishment of eligibility for appointment upon appointment or upon failure or refusal to accept appointment from a placement roster.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any employee may voluntarily remove his or her name from a placement roster by application to the department.