

A SUMMARY OF THE DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS.

The duties of the Governor, Secretary of State, Adjutant General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Land Office and State Librarian are sufficiently outlined in the Constitution of the State.

THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER is charged with the duty of valuing the capital stock of corporations for the purpose of taxation. He also has charge of the collection of taxes on distilled spirits. Surety Companies are required to report to the Tax Commissioner, and to obtain from him a permit authorizing them to do business in this State.

THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER has charge of the enforcement of the Insurance Laws of the State, life, fire and marine.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS is the Custodian of the State Buildings and grounds in Annapolis, and has charge of all matters pertaining to the lighting, heating and repairing of this property.

THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL is required to investigate all fires occurring in the State to which his attention is called with a view to discovering the cause thereof. He is especially charged with the duty of investigating incendiary fires, and the prosecution of the guilty parties.

THE STATE GAME WARDEN has charge of the enforcement of the Game and Fish Laws of the State. He is assisted by numerous deputies located in the several counties.

THE CHIEF OF THE INDUSTRIAL BUREAU is charged with the collection of information concerning the various branches of industry in this State, and the needs thereof; to classify and arrange the information and data so obtained, and to publish the same in book form annually.

THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION is established for the purpose of encouraging immigration to this State. The Bureau is required to prepare and distribute maps, pamphlets, and other printed matter pertaining to the resources of the State, the shipping and marketing facilities. The Bureau makes an annual report to the Governor.

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PROMOTION OF UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATION IN THE UNITED STATES are required to examine the subjects of marriage and divorce, insolvency and other subjects, and to ascertain the best means to effect an assimilation and uniformity in the laws of the States. The Board is required to report to the Legislature.

THE STATE LUNACY COMMISSION has supervision over all Institutions public, corporate or private in which insane persons are detained. The Secretary of the Commission or one member thereof is required at least once every six months to visit all institutions in the State, including almshouses and jails where the insane are kept. The Commission makes an annual report to the Governor in the month of December.

THE STATE LIVE STOCK SANITARY BOARD is charged with the duties of protecting the health of the domestic animals of the State from contagious and infectious diseases, and to maintain and enforce such quarantine, sanitary or other regulations as it may deem necessary.