

Governor appoints three, not more than two of whom shall be of the same political faith, one for 6 years, one for 4 years, and one for 2 years, and as these terms expire the successor is appointed for 6 years. The Governor designates the chairman. (Ch. 800, 1914.)

The State Industrial Accident Commission is charged with the duty of administering the Workmen's Compensation Law. The law provides, first, for the payment of compensation to employees injured in certain extra-hazardous employments, and to their dependents in case of death; second, for all employers in such occupations shall secure the payment of such compensation by insuring their liability in a stock company, or the State Accident Fund, or by proving to the satisfaction of the Commission their financial ability to pay the compensation direct.

The business of the Commission is to administer to the Workmen's Compensation Act and involves determining what occupations are included, receiving reports of accidents, receiving, investigating and adjudicating claims arising under the Act. Hearings are held in contested cases. In addition to these duties, the Commission administers to the State Accident Fund, which is operated by the Act, as one of the methods by which employers must insure.

During the year ending October 31, 1923, there was a total of 41,039 industrial accidents reported to the Commission. This was an increase of 7,546 over the number of accidents reported in the preceding year. Out of this number there were 14,683 claims filed for compensation, 126 of which were claims in fatal cases, as against 10,535 claims filed during the year ending October 31, 1922, 123 of which were claims in fatal cases. As a result of last year's work there was paid out to injured employees and their dependents the sum of \$1,817,860.71, which included the payment of compensation, funeral and medical expenses, etc.

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