

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, that 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.

The business of the Commission is to administer 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 the State Accident Fund, which is provided by the Act as one of the methods by which employers must insure.

During the year ending October 31st, 1926, there was a total of 41,616 industrial accidents reported to the Commission. This was an increase of 7,633 cases over the number reported in the preceding year. Out of this number there were 15,449 claims filed for compensation of which 162 were claims in fatal accidents as against 14,565 claims filed during the year ending October 31st, 1925, 163 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 \$1,566,774.87, which included the payment of compensation, funeral and medical expenses, etc.

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