

BOARD OF STATE AID AND CHARITIES.

405 Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

Name.	Postoffice.	Term Expires.
Governor Albert C. Ritchie.....	Baltimore	1924
Frank A. Furst.....	Baltimore	1924
John D. Worthington.....	Bel Air	1924
Philip Briscoe.....	Mutual	1924
Henry Castelberg.....	Baltimore	1926
Robert Biggs.....	Baltimore	1926
Samuel E. Shannahan.....	Easton	1926

Secretary, William J. Ogden.

Governor appoints six members of the Board of State Aid and Charities, three for two years and three for four years, and as these terms expire successors are appointed for the full term of four years. The Governor is a member of the Board. Two of the Board may be women. (Ch. 705, Acts 1916.)

The duties of this Board are to investigate and consider the whole system of State aid to public and private institutions. It investigates all applications of institutions for aid from the State and submits to each Legislature a report showing the condition that it finds at each of the institutions so applying, together with recommendations concerning them. It is the official representative of the State in regard to charitable matters and has the administration of the laws regarding the placement of children in this State by out-of-State agencies, and the supervision of the law prohibiting the separation of babies from their mothers during the first six months after birth. (Ch. 42, Acts of 1908; and 210, Acts of 1916.)

The Secretary is charged with the duty of informing himself fully as to the conditions of the institutions coming under the supervision of the Board, and he is, during the session of the Legislature, subject to the orders of the Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates.

BUREAU OF MINES.

Chief Engineer:

John J. Rutledge.....Frostburg

The Bureau of Mines was created in the State Board of Labor and Statistics by the General Assembly of 1922. The Chief Mine Engineer is appointed by the Governor from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner. The Act becomes effective October 1, 1922.

The Act was prepared by a special commission appointed by the Governor and supersedes the several local laws which governed mining operations in this State prior to the enactment of this law.

The Act makes provision for the inspection, sanitation, ventilation and safeguarding of all the operations connected with mining. Provision is also made for the weighing of all coal mined in the State.

It is the duty of the Chief Mine Engineer to enforce all provisions of the Act. He is also given the authority to make and enforce necessary rules and regulations in connection with the enforcement of the Act and the operation of the mines. (Ch. 307, 1922.)