

The Bureau of Mines was created in the State Board of Labor and Statistics by the General Assembly of 1922. The Chief Mine Engineer was appointed by the Governor from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner. The Act became 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 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.)

There was created in this Act in the Bureau of Mines a State Mine Examining Board with powers to examine and pass upon the qualifications of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses. The first examination under this Act was held by the Board at Frostburg, Maryland, January 23rd to 27th, 1923. The personnel of the Mine Examining Board is as follows:

G. M. Gillette Frostburg, Md.; representing Maryland Coal Operators.
Lawrence Dunn, Midland, Md.; representing Maryland Coal Miners.
John J. Rutledge, Chairman Ex-officio; representing State of Maryland.

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(Term of Commissioner expires 1926. Employees are in the Classified Service.)

The Governor, without Senate confirmation, appoints one State Employment Commissioner for a term of six years from October 1, 1920. (Ch. 41, 1920.)

The State Employment Commissioner is charged with putting into effect and administering the Merit System Law of the State. The law gives the Commissioner general control of employment and personnel matters so far as the classified service is concerned. On September 30, 1922, the end of the second fiscal year of the Commission, of a total number of 3,102 employees in the State Service, 1,681 were included in the classified service. The classified service was extended by executive order January 15, 1923, so as to include approximately 2,750 employees.