

The Merit System Law provides that the Commissioner shall classify positions in the classified service, pass upon the qualifications of applicants, and certify eligibles when vacancies are to be filled, recommend minimum and maximum salary ranges with intermediate salary rates for each class of position, pass upon transfers, promotions, reinstatements, leaves of absence, and other actions affecting the status of classified employees, provide for the removal of employees and hold hearings when charges are filed by an appointing authority or a citizen, prescribe the standards of performance and the form and scope of the personnel records that appointing authorities keep, and investigate the efficiency of employees in the classified service, and make recommendations for increased efficiency and economy. The Commissioner is also required to check payrolls in advance of the payment of salaries to employees in the classified service, and certify to the legality of the employment of such employees.

During the second year the Commission conducted 95 different examinations covering 67 different classes of positions. Eligible lists were established resulting from these examinations, from which appointments were made to vacancies in the various departments. A total number of 1,573 persons participated in the examinations. Three hundred and seventy-five appointments were made from eligible lists resulting from examinations.

Forty-six cases came before the Commission for a hearing in the matter of suspension from the State service or removal of names improperly included on the employment lists. The charges in each case were sustained.

The Second Annual Report, giving in detail the activities of the Commission for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1922, was issued on January 1, 1923, in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System Law.

By Act of the General Assembly, Session of 1922, Part XVI, Chapter 29, there was established the Department of State Employment and Registration, to be composed of the State Employment Commission and the various examining and licensing boards of the State, with such additional boards as may hereafter be provided for, the head of this department to be the State Employment Commissioner, and to be known as the Commissioner of State Employment and Registration.

STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS.

Royal Arcanum Building, West Saratoga Street, Baltimore.

(Terms Expire 1924.)

Name.	Postoffice.
Louis Reuling, Chairman.....	Baltimore
George W. Sanders, Secretary.....	Baltimore
J. Granville Lilly, Treasurer.....	Baltimore

Governor appoints three for two years from appointment, one master barber and two journeyman barbers. (Ch. 226, 1904.)

The duties of the Barber Examiners are to examine and license all barbers who have come into the State and all apprentices who have served their three-year term since May 1, 1904, and to see that the barber shops that have started in business since the above date should be run according to sanitary rules as laid down by the Board and approved by the Board of Health. Board meetings on Mondays from 2 to 5 P. M.