

dens in the State, and aid and direct them in their work; take such action as is authorized by law to prevent and extinguish forest fires; enforce all laws pertaining to forest and wood land, and prosecute for any violation of such laws; collect data relative to forest destruction and conditions; direct the protection and improvement of State parks and forest reserves, and co-operate with land owners, as described in section 4 of this article. He shall annually deliver a course of lectures at the Maryland State Agricultural College bearing upon forestry and silviculture, subject to the approval of the trustees of the college, and as far as his duties as state forester will permit, carry on an educational course of lectures on forestry at the farmers' institutes, and similar meetings within the State. He shall act as secretary of the state board of forestry, and shall prepare for the board annually a report on the progress and condition of State forest work, and recommend therein plans for improving the State system of forest protection, management and replacement.

1906, ch. 294.

3. The state board of forestry shall have the power to purchase lands in the name of the State suitable for forest culture and reserves, at a price which shall not exceed five dollars per acre, using for such purposes any surplus money not otherwise appropriated, which may be standing to the credit of the forest reserve fund; and to make all rules and regulations governing State reserves; and that the governor of the State is authorized, upon the recommendation of said state board of forestry to accept gifts of land to the State, the same to be held, protected and administered by the state board of forestry as State forest reserves, and to be used so as to demonstrate the practical utility of timber culture and as a breeding place for game. Such gifts must be absolute except for the reservation of all mineral and mining rights over and under said lands, and a stipulation that they shall be administered as State forest reserves, and the attorney general of the State is directed to see that all deeds to the State of lands mentioned above are properly executed before the gift is accepted.

1906, ch. 294.

4. The state forester shall upon request, under the sanction of the state board of forestry, and whenever he deems it essential to the best interests of the people of the State, co-operate with counties, towns, corporations and individuals in preparing plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, wood-lots and timber tracts, under an agreement that the parties obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the men employed in preparing said plans.

1906, ch. 294. 1910, ch. 161 (p. 395).

5. Whenever the state forester considers it necessary he may apply to the governor to commission such persons as he may designate to act as forest wardens of the State, to enforce the forest laws and to carry