

out all the purposes of this article. If the governor approves such persons, he may appoint them forest wardens for a term of two years, but they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the governor. The maximum number of forest wardens for each county shall not exceed one for every 15,000 acres of woodland, or fraction thereof, exceeding one-half, as determined by the latest published forest surveys of the state board of forestry. Forest wardens thus appointed shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take the proper official oath before the clerk of the court of the county in which they reside, after which they shall, while holding said office, possess and exercise all the authority and power held and exercised by constables at common law under the statutes of this State, so far as arresting and prosecuting persons for all violations of any of the forest laws, or of the laws, rules or regulations enacted or to be enacted for the protection of the State forestry reservations, or for the protection of the fish and game contained therein, are concerned. Such wardens may each receive a salary of twenty dollars *per annum* from the State out of money standing to the credit of the state board of forestry; provided, the board so direct. Said salary to be in addition to payment for actual services rendered in extinguishing forest fires, but shall be in lieu of all allowances for making reports, for postage, for posting fire-warning notices, and for services, not to exceed three days in one year, in investigating fires and causes thereof, and in assisting the state forester as he may require. Each forest warden while engaged in fighting fires shall receive one dollar and fifty cents for five hours or less, and twenty-five cents per hour thereafter. Each helper employed by the forest warden for fighting fires shall receive one dollar for five hours or less, and twenty cents per hour thereafter.

1906, ch. 294. 1910, ch. 161 (p. 396).

6. It shall be the duty of the forest wardens to enforce all forest laws of this State, to protect the State forest reserves and see that all rules, regulations and laws are enforced; to report any violation of law to the state forester at the time of its occurrence, to assist in apprehending and convicting offenders, and to make an annual report to him as to forest conditions in their immediate neighborhood. When any forest warden shall see or have reported to him a forest fire, it shall be his duty to immediately repair to the seat of the fire and employ such persons and means as in his judgment seem expedient and necessary to extinguish said fire. He shall keep an itemized account of all expenses thus incurred and send such account immediately to the state forester. He shall have control and direction of all persons and apparatus engaged in extinguishing forest fires. He may summon male inhabitants of the county between the ages of 18 and 50 years to assist in extinguishing fires, and may also require the use of horses and other property needed for such purpose. Any person so summoned who is physically able, who refuses or neglects to assist, or to allow the use of horses, wagons or other material required, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars.