

immigration commissioners may also call upon the county commissioners of the several counties to assist them in the collection of the necessary statistics and information, and in the verification of the same; and the said board of commissioners shall procure, at the expense of the State, such maps and other drawings as may be necessary to properly illustrate the geographical, topographical, physical, agricultural and other conditions of the State appertaining to the functions of this bureau.

1904, art. 45 A. sec. 7. 1896, ch. 295, sec. 8. 1898, ch. 282.

7. If it shall appear necessary or desirable in order to promote the objects of the bureau, the state superintendent may personally or through a special agent visit Canada or any of the States of the Union, for the purpose of inducing or attracting to this State such immigration as he shall deem desirable, and may also employ such other means of advertisement to that end as may commend themselves to his judgment, keeping himself for this and all other purposes, except salaries, within the appropriation for the expenses of this bureau.

Ibid. sec. 8. 1896, ch. 295, sec. 9.

8. The board of immigration commissioners shall have power to make contracts with railroads, steamship lines, transportation companies and masters of vessels, securing a low rate of transportation to immigrants, and to make the necessary arrangements for their reception and temporary accommodation upon their arrival at Baltimore or other points in the State, until they can be distributed and located in the different counties of the State.

Ibid. sec. 9. 1896, ch. 295, sec. 10. 1908, ch. 382.

9. The board of immigration commissioners shall meet monthly at their office in Baltimore city, and such other times as they may determine for the purpose of promoting the work for which this bureau is organized; and they shall make an annual report to the governor, to be by him laid before the general assembly at each regular session; said report shall contain an itemized statement of all money received by the board, and to whom and for what purpose paid (the vouchers for which expenditures shall be filed in the office of the bureau), the results attained or expected to be attained, the statistics of immigration and other kindred information, together with such suggestions as the board may think proper to make.

Ibid. sec. 10. 1896, ch. 295, sec. 12.

10. The first term of office of the board of immigration commissioners hereby appointed shall commence on the first day of May in the year 1896.

Ibid. sec. 11. 1898, ch. 282, sec. 13.

11. After the first day of January, 1900, the superintendent of immigration shall proceed to collect statistics and information concerning the various branches of industry in this State and the needs thereof.