

employment for unemployed persons who may register in said agencies, and for the purpose of securing help or labor for persons registering as applicants for help or labor. The said Board shall investigate the extent and the cause or causes of unemployment in this State, and the remedies therefor adopted and applied in the States of this country and in other countries, and report thereon to the Governor, and shall do all in its power to bring together employers seeking employees and working and laboring people seeking employment.

Arbitration of Disputes Between Employers and Employees.

1916, ch. 406, sec. 11.

11. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Labor and Statistics to do all in its power to promote the voluntary arbitration, mediation and conciliation of controversies and disputes between employers and employees, and to avoid resort to lockouts, boycotts, blacklists, discriminations and legal proceedings in or arising out of such controversies and disputes and matters of employment. In pursuance of this duty, the said Board may, whenever it deems advisable, but subject to the approval of the Governor, appoint boards of arbitration for the consideration and settlement of such controversies and disputes, and may provide for the necessary expenses of such arbitration boards, and for such reasonable compensation to the members serving thereon as the said Board may deem proper, not exceeding, however, the sum of five dollars per day for each member for each day during which such member is engaged in work upon said arbitration boards. The said Board shall prescribe rules of procedure for such arbitration boards, and the said arbitration boards shall have the power to conduct investigations and hold hearings, to summon witnesses, and enforce their attendance through the ordinary processes of law in the cities and counties in which such arbitration boards may meet, subject to all the penalties for non-attendance to which witnesses in ordinary civil cases are subject, and in like manner may require the production of books, documents and papers and may administer oaths, all to the same extent that such powers are possessed and exercised by the civil courts of the State; and said arbitration boards shall make, report and publish findings for the settlement of such controversies and disputes. The said Board of Labor and Statistics shall itself have like power to conduct investigations and hold hearings, summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books, documents and papers, and make and publish reports and findings with respect to any and all matters covered by this section. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Board may appoint and designate a Deputy, and fix his compensation, who shall be known as the Chief Mediator, and who, together with any assistants who may be assigned by the Board, shall have in charge the execution of the provisions of this section, under the direction and supervision of the Board. The Chief Mediator