

1922, ch. 307, sec. 30.

31. Each of such district mine inspectors shall be assigned by the Bureau, and at need reassigned, to a prescribed inspection territory. The districts, covering the mining area of the State, shall be divided and from time to time redivided so as to be approximately equal in extent of labor and expense of inspection imposed upon each of such district mine inspectors. Each of such inspectors shall reside and maintain his office within the territory to which he may respectively be assigned. Each of such inspectors shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office, and shall have no interest, direct or indirect, in any mining operation or mining investment in this or any contiguous State.

1922, ch. 307, sec. 31.

32. Should a district mine inspector become temporarily incapacitated, be suspended for cause, or receive a leave of absence from the Bureau, the Chief Mine Engineer may employ temporarily, subject to the rules of the State Employment Commission, a competent person to fill the office until the return to duty of such inspector; provided, that such temporary employment shall not exceed ninety days; and provided further, that such temporary employee shall be paid at the rate of compensation allowed such inspector.

CHAPTER IV—*General Duties and Powers of District Inspectors.*

1922, ch. 307, sec. 32.

33. It shall be the duty of each district mine inspector, not less frequently than six times in each year in gaseous mines, and not less frequently than three times in each year in non-gaseous mines, to enter into and thoroughly inspect every working-place and other excavation, machine, facility and process and all outside works, ways and plants of every coal mine in his inspection district or to which he may be assigned, to see that the mine laws and regulations are strictly observed and carried out; and at need to make additional visits to such mines to investigate in case of accident occurring therein or thereat. Such inspection or investigation may be made at any hour, but not so as to impede unnecessarily the proper working of such mine. The inspector shall immediately after each visit make out a report in triplicate, one copy to be for the operator to be by him posted under glass for thirty days at or near the principal mouth of the mine, convenient for observation by employees, and to be preserved thereafter for one year; one for the Chief Mine Engineer; and one to be retained by the district mine inspector. Such report shall state the conditions found in every part of the mine, in detail; and may include suggestions and recommendations looking toward improvement of conditions and better law observance; and shall especially bring to the attention of the operator or any other person concerned, and be notice to them and any of them, of any instance of violation of law or regulations observed, at, in or about such mine. A report of such visits, summarized as to conditions found and recommendations made, shall be made monthly by each such inspector to the Bureau.