

## ARTICLE 19A.

### CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.<sup>1</sup>

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conservation commissioner.</li> <li>2. Office; employees.</li> <li>3. Powers and duties.</li> <li>4. Engineer; commander of state fishery force; state game warden.</li> <li>5. Powers and duties; offices abolished.</li> <li>6. Barren oyster bottoms.</li> <li>7. Reserved areas upon depleted natural bars.</li> </ol> |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Control over inspection of oysters, fish and crabs; enforcement of laws; measures and inspectors.</li> <li>9. Conservation fund; state game protection fund.</li> <li>10. Vessels of state fishery force; expenditures.</li> <li>11. Report to Governor.</li> <li>12. Object of article; effect of unconstitutional provision.</li> </ol> |
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An. Code, sec. 1. 1916, ch. 682. 1922, ch. 29 (p. 67).

1. The Conservation Department is hereby created and established. The head of this Department shall be the Conservation Commissioner, who, as far as practicable, shall be specially informed in the following subjects: oysters, clams, fish crabs, terrapin, wild fowl, birds, game and fur-bearing animals. The Commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor. The term of the Commissioner shall be four years from the first Monday in May succeeding his appointment, except that the Commissioner first appointed under this Act shall be appointed and his term shall begin on January 1, 1923, and he shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall qualify. The Governor shall have power of removal for cause and he shall fill any vacancy however occurring. The salary of the Commissioner shall be \$4,000 a year, and he shall be entitled to receive in addition thereto the necessary traveling expenses and disbursements incurred by him in the discharge of his official duties. The Commissioner shall from time to time adopt such by-laws and rules of procedure for the conduct of his Department as he may deem necessary.

As to the state horticultural department, the inspection of trees and fruits, and "feeding stuffs," see art. 48.

An. Code, sec. 2. 1916, ch. 682.

2. The Commissioner shall establish and maintain an office where meetings may be held, and where all books, records, charts and other official papers and documents relating to the work of the Commissioner shall be kept. The Commissioner shall employ a chief clerk at an annual salary not exceeding \$1,500., a deputy clerk at an annual salary not exceeding \$1,200., and, with the approval of the Governor, such other employees as the Commissioner may deem necessary.

<sup>1</sup> See arts. 39, 72 and 99.