

than two years' experience in professional forestry work; his compensation shall be such as the budget provides, and he shall be allowed reasonable traveling and field expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties. He shall be the head of the Department of Forestry of the University of Maryland, and shall under general supervision of the Regents of the University of Maryland have direction of all forest interests and all matters pertaining to forestry and the forest reserves within the jurisdiction of the State. He shall appoint, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Regents of the University of Maryland, such assistants and employees as may be necessary in executing the duties of his office and the purposes of the Regents. He shall have charge of all Forest Wardens in the State and aid and direct them in their work; take such action as is authorized by law to prevent and extinguish forest fires, enforce all laws pertaining to forest and woodland, and prosecute for any violations of such laws; collect data relative to forest destruction and conditions; direct the protection and improvement of State parks and forest reserves and cooperate with landowners as described in Section 4 of this Article. He shall annually deliver a course of lectures at the University of Maryland, College Park, bearing upon forestry and agriculture, subject to the approval of the Regents of said University, and as far as his duties as State Forester will permit, carry on an educational course of lectures on forestry at the Farmers' Institutes and similar meetings within the State. He shall prepare for the Regents annually a report on the progress and condition of State Forest work and recommend therein plans for improving the State system of forest protection, management and replacement.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 3. 1912, sec. 3. 1906, ch. 294. 1914, ch. 823.

3. The State Department of Forestry shall have the power to purchase lands in the name of the State, suitable for forest culture and reserves, using for such purposes any special appropriation or any surplus money not otherwise appropriated, which may be standing to the credit of the Forest Reserve Fund, and to make all rules and regulations governing State Reserves, and to employ such labor and do such work as they deem wise in developing and protecting State Reserves under their jurisdiction; and that the Governor of the State is authorized upon the recommendation of said State Department of Forestry to accept gifts of land to the State, the same to be held, protected and administered by the State Department of Forestry as State Forest Reserves, and to be used so as to demonstrate the practical utility of timber culture, water conservation and as a breeding place for game. Such gifts must be absolute except for the reservation of all mineral and mining rights over and under said lands, and a stipulation that they shall be administered as State Forest Reserves, and the Attorney General of the State is directed to see that all deeds to the State of lands mentioned above are properly executed before the gift is accepted.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 4. 1912, sec. 4. 1906, ch. 294.

4. The state forester shall upon request, under the sanction of the state board of forestry, and whenever he deems it essential to the best interests of the people of the State, co-operate with counties, towns, corporations and individuals in preparing plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, wood-lots and timber tracts, under an agreement that the parties obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the men employed in preparing said plans.