

An. Code, 1924, sec. 5. 1912, sec. 5. 1906, ch. 294. 1910, ch. 161 (p. 395). 1914, ch. 823.

5. Whenever the State Forester considers it necessary he may apply to the Governor to commission such persons as he may designate to act as Forest Wardens of this State, to enforce the forest laws and to carry out all the purposes of this article, and any work that may be assigned to them by the State Forester. If the Governor approves such persons he may appoint them Forest Wardens for a term of two years, but they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Governor. Such Wardens shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be fixed by the State Department of Forestry. Forest Wardens thus appointed shall before entering upon the duties of their office take the proper official oath before the Clerk of the Court of the County in which they reside, after which they shall while holding said office, possess and exercise all the authority and power held and exercised by constables at common law under the statutes of this State, so far as arresting and prosecuting persons for all violations of any of the forest laws or of the laws, rules and regulations enacted or to be enacted for the protection of the State forestry reservations, or for the protection of the fish and game contained therein are concerned.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 6. 1912, sec. 6. 1906, ch. 294. 1910, ch. 161 (p. 306).

6. It shall be the duty of the forest wardens to enforce all forest laws of this State, to protect the State forest reserves and see that all rules, regulations and laws are enforced; to report any violation of law to the state forester at the time of its occurrence, to assist in apprehending and convicting offenders, and to make an annual report to him as to forest conditions in their immediate neighborhood. When any forest warden shall see or have reported to him a forest fire, it shall be his duty to immediately repair to the seat of the fire and employ such persons and means as in his judgment seem expedient and necessary to extinguish said fire. He shall keep an itemized account of all expenses thus incurred and send such account immediately to the state forester. He shall have control and direction of all persons and apparatus engaged in extinguishing forest fires. He may summon male inhabitants of the county between the ages of 18 and 50 years to assist in extinguishing fires, and may also require the use of horses and other property needed for such purpose. Any person so summoned who is physically able, who refuses or neglects to assist, or to allow the use of horses, wagons or other material required, shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars. No action for trespass shall lie against a forest warden or anyone working under his direction, for entering lands of individuals or corporations for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, plowing furrows, or tearing down fences, or starting a back fire to check a fire that may be approaching.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 7. 1912, sec. 7. 1906, ch. 294. 1910, ch. 161 (p. 397). 1912, ch. 348, sec. 7.

7. The expenses incurred in fighting or extinguishing any fire under the direction of the State Forester, or a forest warden, shall be borne half by the county in which the fire occurred and half by the State, and shall first be payable in full by the County Commissioners of such county upon receipt of an itemized account, with vouchers approved by the State Forester; the half to be paid by the State shall be refunded by the order of the