

State, the books, accounts and affairs of the insurance department, and do such other auditing as the Commissioner may direct. He shall also, when so directed by the Commissioner, assist in the examination of companies, and shall receive an annual compensation as fixed and provided by the budget, and when engaged in the examination of companies, the *per diem* provided by Section 51, to be paid by the companies examined by him, provided, however, that the total amount of salary and *per diem* fees shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) in any one year.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 9. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 10.

9. (Clerks.) The commissioner may also employ such clerks and assistants as may be necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of his department, at such compensation as shall be fixed and provided by the budget.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 10. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 11. 1935, ch. 183.

10. (General Powers and Duties of Commissioner.) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner to see that all the laws of this State governing insurance companies or relating to the business of insurance are faithfully executed. He shall keep on file in his office duly certified copies of the charter, declaration of organization or deed of settlement of every insurance company authorized to do business in this State, and all other certificates and documents required by this Article to be filed with him, and shall furnish any such company applying therefor, certified copies of said documents filed in his department. He shall furnish in December of each year to the companies required by this Article to report to him, the necessary blank forms for the statements required, and shall carry out, fulfill and enforce all the provisions of this Article with reference to the supervision and regulation of insurance companies and the business of insurance. It shall be his duty to report in detail to the Attorney General any violations of the laws relative to insurance companies or the business of insurance, and he shall have power to institute suits and prosecutions either by the Attorney General or such other attorney as the Attorney General may select, for any violation of the provisions of this Article. The Commissioner is a necessary party to any proceedings instituted for the purpose of closing up the affairs of any company, when the same shall not be in the name of the State of Maryland. The Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner shall have the power to administer oaths to all witnesses who appear before them, or either of them, in connection with any examination, investigation or hearing, and also to require agents and brokers to produce any books, policies or papers in their possession that may be needed in connection with any hearing, examination or investigation of such agents or brokers. For the purpose of all hearings and inquiries which they are authorized to hold or make, the Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner may issue summons for witnesses, and all summons so issued shall be served by the Sheriff of Baltimore City or by the Sheriff of any of the Counties. If any witness so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend, or attending refuse to testify, the official issuing the summons shall report the facts to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, or the Circuit Court of any County, as the case may be, and said Court is hereby authorized and directed to proceed by attachment against said witness in all respects as if said