

paid by the company whose affairs are examined, the traveling and other necessary expenses incurred in any such examination, and in addition thereto, a *per diem* fee to be fixed by the Commissioner. Whenever the necessity may appear, the Insurance Commissioner is authorized to employ special examiners or assistants on a *per diem* basis, and to charge the company whose affairs are examined for their traveling and other necessary expenses, including the *per diem* fee to be fixed by the Commissioner. The Insurance Commissioner shall collect all such fees and expenses, and pay the same to the State Treasurer, and he shall draw, on proper orders, from the State Treasury, the amounts necessary for the salaries and expenses of his office, and for the payment of *per diem* fees, but no official or employee of the department, receiving a regular salary, except the Senior Examiner, now acting as Examiner and Chief Clerk, and who now receives compensation as provided by the budget and *per diem* fees approved by the Insurance Commissioner when engaged in the examination of companies, shall be paid or receive any additional compensation or *per diem* fees, except to the extent permitted by the express provisions of this sub-title. Provided, however, that the total amount of salary and *per diem* fees for said Senior Examiner shall not exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) in any one year. If the *per diem* and expenses in any case herein provided shall remain unpaid after ten days from the completion of any such examination, the Insurance Commissioner may sue therefor. For the purposes of any examination authorized by law, the Insurance Commissioner, or the Insurance Examiner, shall have power and is hereby authorized to summon any person or persons being within this State, and to administer to him or them the proper and necessary oath, and to examine him or them, under oath, in relation to the affairs and condition of any insurance company. The result of the official examination of any such company may, at the discretion of the Commissioner, be published within thirty days thereafter at the expense of said company in one daily newspaper published in the City of Baltimore in such condensed form as shall show the true condition of the company examined. Should any insurance company organized under the laws of this State refuse to permit its affairs to be examined as herein provided, or refuse free access to its books or papers, or in any manner whatever prevent a thorough examination, the said Insurance Commissioner shall proceed against said company in the manner provided in Section 52.

See sec. 227.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 51. 1922, ch. 492, sec. 51. 1933, ch. 552, sec. 51.

52. (Liquidation of Insolvent or Illegally Conducted Companies.) Whenever the Insurance Commissioner shall have reason to believe that any insurance company doing business in this State is insolvent, or fraudulently conducted, or that its assets are not sufficient for carrying on the business of the same, or during any non-compliance with the provisions of this Article, it shall be his duty to forthwith cause proper proceedings to be instituted in the name of the State of Maryland against any such company in a court of competent jurisdiction, for the purpose of obtaining an injunction suspending the business of said company and having the said court assume jurisdiction over the property and business of said company for final liquidation, and the court in which said proceeding is instituted shall be authorized to appoint the Insurance Commissioner or the Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Receiver of such company, provided,