

through commercial experience or otherwise, and (b) who is a graduate of a resident school of accountancy, having had at least a two year course.

On June 1, 1929, the terms of office of the State Auditor and of the two Deputy State Auditors and the Assistant State Auditors provided for by the existing law shall cease and be at an end.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 46. 1927, ch. 674, sec. 240A. 1929, ch. 226, sec. 46 (p. 714).

42. In addition to the Assistant State Auditors for whose employment provision is made in Section 240¹ of this sub-title, the Governor shall appoint an Assistant State Auditor, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of May next ensuing his appointment, and continue for four years, and until his successor shall have qualified; but the term of the Assistant State Auditor first named under this section shall begin on the first day of June, 1929, when this Act takes effect, and he shall hold office until the first Monday of May, 1931, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualify. He shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution; and shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties, the surety to be approved by the Comptroller, and shall be subject to all the provisions of this sub-title relative to the Assistant State Auditors. He shall receive such salary as may be provided for him in the Budget, and in addition thereto shall receive his necessary traveling expenses. In addition to the duties imposed upon Assistant State Auditors under the other provisions of this sub-title, he shall perform the following duties:

Said auditor shall audit the books of the various oyster packers, crab and clam shippers and fish dealers, including any catchers of the above seafoods, who may ship direct for the purpose of ascertaining the total number of bushels of oysters caught within the waters of the State of Maryland, the number of gallons shucked and shipped, the pounds of crabs and crab meat, quantities of soft crabs and clams, quantities of each kind of fish, and also the quantity in bushels or gallons of oysters that are purchased from points out of the State, and shall file with the Conservation Department weekly reports showing the result of such audit.

In order to enable said auditor to secure the information required, all persons engaged in the pursuits mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall keep books, statements and accounts, and all such books, statements and accounts shall be open to inspection by said auditor at all times.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$100, nor more than \$500, and shall be adjudged in contempt of court until he complies therewith. All monies arising from fines collected under this section shall be remitted to the Comptroller for credit of the Conservation Fund.

In case the Assistant State Auditor, appointed under the provisions of this section, shall in any respect wilfully fail or neglect to perform his duties herein provided for, he may be removed from office by the Governor. In the event of the death, resignation, refusal to act or removal of the said Assistant State Auditor, the Governor shall have the authority to fill such vacancy.²

¹ Apparently sec. 41 was intended.

² Ch. 353, 1939, repeals this Section, but since that Act is to be submitted to voters for adoption or rejection at the Nov. election 1940, in accordance with petition filed under Art. 16 of the State Constitution, it is codified in this Code.