

Five Hundred (\$3500.00) Dollars a year, and the salary of each of the other members shall be Three Thousand (\$3000.00) Dollars a year and they shall each be entitled to receive in addition thereto the necessary traveling expenses and disbursements incurred by them in the discharge of their official duties. The Commission shall from time to time adopt such by-laws and rules of procedure for the conduct of the Conservation Department as they may deem necessary. On the taking effect of this Act, all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the Conservation Commissioner, under any provisions of law, shall be transferred to and thereafter be exercised and performed by the said Conservation Commission as created by this Section, who shall be the lawful successor of the said Conservation Commissioner, to the same extent and effect as if the said Conservation Commission had been named in said provisions of law as the body or official upon whom the said rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions were conferred.

The Power to Regulate Taking Wild Birds, Wild Animals and Fish. Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value and breeding habits of wild birds, wild animals, and fish in inland waters, the Conservation Commission as a part of the duties imposed on it by Article 39, Section 3, of the Code, is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means it is desirable to restrict, or prohibit in any degree the provisions of law obtaining in any county in this State for the hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird, wild animal, or fish from non-tidal waters and may upon its own initiative or upon written petition of fifty licensed residents of any county propose regulations for such purpose. The full text of any regulations proposed shall be published ten days before the same may be acted upon and shall name the time and place that the matters mentioned therein will be taken up, at which time any interested citizen shall be heard. Such publication shall be made in a newspaper published in the county, and, if there be none such, in a newspaper in the adjoining county or section or in such other manner as may be convenient. If the commission is satisfied that the proposed regulation, or any part thereof is advisable, such regulation, or any part thereof, may be adopted and if so, it shall be published in the manner directed for proposing the same and shall name the date when it is to become effective. It shall be a misdemeanor to violate such regulation, or any part thereof, and any person convicted of such violation shall be fined not less than ten or more than one hundred dollars and may be sentenced to thirty days in jail, either, or both. A copy of any regulation adopted by the commission shall be mailed to the clerk of the circuit court, who shall make a record thereof and cause the same to be posted in front of the courthouse of the county.

As to duties of Conservation Commission relative to fish and fisheries, see art. 39.

As to the state horticultural department, the inspection of trees and fruits, and "feeding stuffs," see art. 48.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 2. 1912, sec. 2. 1916, ch. 682.

2. The Commission shall establish and maintain an office where meetings may be held, and where all books, records, charts and other official papers and documents relating to the work of the Commission shall be kept. The Commission shall employ a chief clerk at an annual salary not exceeding \$1,500., a deputy clerk at an annual salary not exceeding