

1888, art. 89, sec. 1. 1884, ch. 211, secs. 1, 2. 1892, ch. 29.

1. A bureau of statistics and information concerning the various branches of industry practised in this State and the needs thereof is established, and a person to be known as the "chief of the industrial bureau," shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, who shall hold office for the term of two years and until the appointment and qualification of his successor and shall receive as compensation the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars a year.

Ibid. sec. 2. 1888, ch. 173. 1892, ch. 29 1902, ch 365

2. It shall be the duty of the chief of the industrial bureau :

1st. To collect statistics concerning and examine into the condition of labor in this State, with especial reference to wages, and the causes of strikes and disagreements between employers and employes.

2d. To collect information in regard to the agricultural condition and products of the several counties of the State, the acreage under cultivation and planted to the various crops, the character and price of lands, the live stock, *et cetera*, and all other matters pertaining to agricultural pursuits, which may be of general interest and calculated to attract immigration to the State.

3d. To collect information in regard to the mineral products of the State, the output of mines, quarries and so forth, and the manufacturing industries.

4th. To collect information in regard to railroads and other transportation companies, shipping and commerce.

5th. To keep a bureau of general information, and to this end all officers and institutions of this State, including officers of the general assembly, are directed to transmit to the chief of the industrial bureau all reports, as soon as published.

6th. To classify and arrange the information and data so obtained and as soon as practicable after entering upon the duties of his office publish the same in substantial book form and annually thereafter revise and republish the same.

7th. The chief of the bureau of industrial statistics shall cause to be organized and operated a free State employment agency for the free use of the citizens of the State of Maryland, for the purpose of securing employment for unemployed persons who may register in said bureau or agency and for the purpose of securing help or labor for persons registering as