

scribed by the Constitution. His 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 be appointed and shall have qualified. The State Auditor shall receive a salary of \$9,000 per annum, and he shall appoint with the approval of the Governor a Deputy State Auditor who shall hold office at the pleasure of the State Auditor and shall receive the salary provided for him in the Budget. The State Auditor shall give bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the Deputy State Auditor shall be bonded for \$5,000, and each of the regular Assistant State Auditors shall be bonded for \$1,000, all for the faithful performance of their respective duties, the surety in each case to be approved by the Comptroller. The State Auditor shall also appoint such Assistant State Auditors as he may deem necessary, who shall serve at the pleasure of the State Auditor and receive such salaries as the State Auditor deems necessary, subject to the provisions of the Budget. The State Auditor, the Deputy State Auditor and the Assisstant State Auditors, under the supervision and direction of the Comptroller, shall have and exercise all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions conferred upon them by law.

(b) The State Auditor and the Deputy State Auditor shall each hold a valid and unrevoked certificate to practice as a Certified Public Accountant, issued under the authority of the State of Maryland, or a valid and unrevoked Certificate of Permission to practice as a Public Accountant, issued under the authority of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Public Accountants.

The State Auditor shall have at least three years' accounting experience, and the Deputy State Auditor shall have had at least two years' accounting experience, at the dates of their respective appointments.

(c) The Assistant State Auditors shall be: (1) Certified Public Accountants of the State of Maryland; or (2) Registered Public Accountants of the State of Maryland; or (3) Any person who, on June 1, 1929, is employed by the State of Maryland in the capacity of Deputy State Auditor or Assistant State Auditor; or (4) Any person: (a) who is a graduate of a high school with a four year course, or who has had equivalent education 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.