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towns, corporations and individuals in preparing plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, woodlots and timber tracts, under an agreement that the parties obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the men employed in preparing said plans.

Forest wardens appointed.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That whenever the State forester considers it necessary, he may apply to the Governor to commission such persons as he may designate, to act as forest wardens of this State, to enforce the forest laws and to carry out all the purposes of this Act. If the Governor approve such persons he may appoint them forest wardens for a term of two years, but they shall be subject to removal at any time at the pleasure of the Governor. Such wardens shall receive no salary from the State, but only such compensation from time to time as the forester may allow them for special services actually rendered. Forest wardens thus appointed shall, before entering upon the duties of their office, take the proper official oath before the clerk of the court of the county in which they reside; after which they shall, while holding said office, possess and exercise all the authority and power held and exercised by constables at common law under the statutes of this State, so far as arresting and prosecuting persons for all violations of any of the laws or rules and regulations enacted or to be enacted for the protection of the State forestry reservations, or for the protection of the fish and game contained therein, are concerned.

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SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the forest wardens to enforce all forest laws of this State; to protect the State forest reserves and see that all rules, regulations and laws are enforced; to report any violation of law to the State forester at the time of its occurrence; to assist in apprehending and convicting offenders, and to make an annual report to him as to forest conditions in their immediate neighborhood. When any forest warden shall see or have reported to him a forest fire, it shall be his duty to immediately repair to the scene of the fire and employ such persons and means as in his judgment seem expedient and necessary to extinguish said fire. He shall keep an itemized account of all expenses thus incurred and send such account immediately to the State forester.