

before the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, the oath or affirmation required by the sixth (6th) section of article one (1) of the Constitution of Maryland, and shall also give bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties by this act incumbent upon him. Bond.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, It shall be the duty of the said fire marshal to examine into the causes, circumstances and origin of all fires occurring within the State, to which his attention may be called, and which in his judgment require examination; and in making said examination the said fire marshal may, when in his judgment said proceedings are necessary, take the testimony on oath of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts, or to have the means of knowledge in relation to the matters herein required to be examined and enquired into, and cause said testimony to be reduced to writing; and when in his judgment such examination discloses that the fire was of incendiary origin, he may cause the supposed incendiary to be arrested and charged with the crime; and shall transmit a copy of the testimony so taken to the State's attorney for the county or city wherein said fire occurred; and upon request of the owner or insurer of any property destroyed or injured by fire, the said fire marshal shall make a written report to the person requesting the same, of the result of the examination made by him regarding said property; and said fire marshal shall annually report to the Governor the result of all examinations made by him. Duties.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, The fire marshal shall have power to subpoena witnesses, and to compel their attendance before him to testify in relation to any matter which is, by the provision of this act, a subject of inquiry and investigation by the said fire marshal, and shall also have power to cause to be produced before him such papers as he may require in making such examinations; the said fire marshal shall be and he is hereby authorized to administer oaths and affirmations to persons appearing as witnesses before him; and false swearing in any matter of proceeding aforesaid shall be deemed perjury and shall be punishable as such; and the said fire marshal shall have authority at all times of the day or night, in the performance of the duties imposed by the provisions of this act, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire shall have occurred, or which at the time may be burning, and also the power to enter upon at any time any May summon witnesses.