

tion of the State Insurance Commissioner, or in case the office of insurance commissioner shall become vacant, the said deputy insurance commissioner shall have and exercise all the powers and duties vested by law in the State Insurance Commissioner. And the said deputy insurance commissioner shall give bond to the State Insurance Commissioner in a penalty to be determined by the commissioner. The State Insurance Commissioner is also authorized to appoint an actuary for said insurance department at an annual salary of five hundred dollars, in addition to the fees prescribed by section 184 of this article, and also to employ such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary for the proper discharge of the duties and efficiency of his department; provided, that he shall not exceed the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars per annum for the pay of such clerical assistance. Nothing contained in this section shall be so construed as to affect the present term of office of the insurance commissioner, and the present incumbent shall hold his said office under this act for the remainder of the term for which he has been appointed, unless sooner removed for cause.

176-B. The State Insurance Commissioner is also authorized to employ an auditor for the insurance department at an annual compensation not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000). It shall be the duty of said auditor to examine and audit the annual statements of all insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Maryland and filing annual statements with the insurance department, the books, accounts and affairs of the insurance department, and such other auditing as the insurance commissioner may direct; provided, however, that whenever said auditor shall be directed by the insurance commissioner to examine or assist in the examination of any insurance company authorized to do business in this State, whether incorporated under the laws of this or any other State, he shall be entitled to be paid by the company whose affairs shall be examined by him, his traveling and other expenses, and such reasonable compensation, not exceeding fifteen dollars (\$15) a day, as shall be determined upon by the insurance commissioner, in addition to the aforesaid salary.

177. The insurance commissioner is also authorized to employ an examiner for the insurance department at an annual compensation not exceeding fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars. And it shall be the duty of said examiner so appointed to thoroughly inspect and examine, under the direction of the insurance commissioner, the affairs of every insurance company