

been originally named in this Article, or in said law or laws, as the body upon which said powers and duties were conferred.

The State Board of Labor and Statistics is authorized and empowered to appoint or employ such deputies, inspectors, assistants and employees of every kind as may be necessary for the performance of the duties now or hereafter imposed upon it by this or any other law; provided, however, that such appointments and employments, and the compensation to be allowed therefor, shall in each and every case be subject to the approval of the Governor.

2. It shall be the duty of the said State Board of Labor and Statistics:

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 employees.

2nd. To collect information in regard to the agricultural conditions 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.

3rd. 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 State Board of Labor and Statistics 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 its office, publish the same in substantial book form and annually thereafter revise and republish the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a new section be and the same hereby is added to said Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry," the same to be sub-titled "State Employment Agencies," to follow immediately after section 2 of said Article, to be known as section 2A, and to read as follows: