

or hereafter conferred by law, shall constitute a separate Department of the State Government.

XV.

Commissioner of Labor and Statistics.

SECTION 1. The terms of office of the members of the State Board of Labor and Statistics shall continue or be extended, as the case may be, until the taking effect of this Act, whereupon the same shall cease and be at an end and the said Board shall be and stand abolished.

SEC. 2. On the taking effect of this Act, Section 1 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code, Volume IV, title "Statistics and Information as to Branches of Industry," is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

1. The office of Commissioner of Labor and Statistics is hereby created. The term of office of said Commissioner shall be two years, and until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified, said term beginning on the first Monday of May succeeding his appointment, except that the Commissioner first appointed under this Act shall be appointed on the taking effect of this Act, and hold office until the first Monday of May, 1924, and until his successor shall qualify. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Governor may at any time remove the Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The salary of the Commissioner shall be \$3,000 per annum. The said Commissioner shall be allowed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The Commissioner 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 him 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.

SEC. 3. On the taking effect of this Act, all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the State Board of Labor and Statistics, under any provisions of law, including all the powers and duties transferred to and imposed and devolved upon said Board by the Acts of 1916, Chapter 406,