

after Section 17 of said Article, to be known as Sections 18 and 19, changing the title of "Chief Mine Engineer" to "Director of the Bureau of Mines", and providing the qualifications of such Director.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 18 and 19 of Article 89 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Statistics and Information", sub-title "Bureau of Mines", be and the same are hereby repealed and two new sections be and the same are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to follow immediately after Section 17 of said Article, to be known as Sections 18 and 19, and to read as follows:

18. The Governor shall select and appoint from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner, a competent person to be known as the "Director of the Bureau of Mines", who shall be in charge of the Bureau, and in case of any vacancy in the said office by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor shall appoint from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Employment Commissioner, a competent person to fill such office, provided, however, that the present Chief Mine Engineer, who shall hereafter be designated as "Director of the Bureau of Mines", shall continue to hold such office in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System Law. Wherever the title "Chief Mine Engineer" is used in this Article, the title "Director of the Bureau of Mines" shall be substituted, and all the powers, duties and authority conferred on the Chief Mine Engineer by this Article are hereby conferred on the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

19. The Director of the Bureau of Mines shall be a male citizen of Maryland, and shall be a competent person, having had at least ten years' practical experience in the working, ventilation and drainage of bituminous coal mines, and having a practical and scientific knowledge of all noxious and dangerous gases found in such mines, and, provided, that graduation in mining engineering from a school of recognized standing shall be considered as equivalent to two years' working experience. He shall devote all of his time to the duties of his office, and shall not be directly or indirectly interested in a financial way in any coal mines in this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 26, 1941.