

leased forests and parks, the administration of all laws relating to fire control, roadside trees, the restoration of deforested or denuded areas, and the operation of the State Forest Nursery.

Forestry extension work, as now being done on private property, shall continue under the jurisdiction, supervision and direction of the Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

A Commission of State Forests and Parks is hereby created to supersede the present advisory Board of Forestry and the Regents of the University of Maryland in supervising and directing the affairs of this Department. The Commission shall consist of five members, citizens of the State, to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed on the recommendation of the Maryland State Grange, one on the recommendation of the Maryland Farm Bureau, one shall have had practical experience in the business of lumbering, and the other two shall be appointed for their general interest in the advancement of forestry. The members of the Commission shall select their own Chairman.

2. The members of said Commission shall serve for terms of five years from June 1, 1941, but of the first members appointed, one shall serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years. The Governor shall have the power to remove for cause and any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travelling expenses and disbursements in attending meetings or performing other official duties. The present State Forester shall become the Director of the Department, and his successor shall be appointed by the Commission, in accordance with the Merit System law. The State Forester shall be a person with executive ability and special training and experience in forestry, and preferably a graduate of an accredited school of forestry. The State Forester shall be the administrative head of the Department, shall appoint such assistants and employees as may be provided for in the Budget, subject to the approval of the Commission and under the provisions of the Merit System law, and shall have charge of all Forest Wardens in the State and aid and direct them in their work. All present personnel of the State Department of Forestry shall be transferred to the new Department.