

land shall act as the legal adviser of said Council, and shall be an ex-officio member of said Council. The appointive members shall be selected without reference to political affiliation and with reference to their special knowledge of industry, agriculture, consumer protection, labor, education, health, welfare, or other subjects relating to National or State Defense.

130-B. The members of the Council shall serve during the pleasure of the Governor and without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in connection with attendance upon meetings of the Council, or in the performance of special work assigned to them by the Council and approved by the Governor.

130-C. The Council may, with the approval of the Governor, employ an Executive Director and such technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act and as may be provided for, all such personnel to be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Merit System Law.

130-D. The Council shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To adopt, amend, and repeal rules, regulations, and by-laws governing its procedure and activities.

(b) To cooperate with the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense through its Division of State and Local Cooperation, or with any similar Federal agencies hereafter created, and with any departments or other Federal agencies engaged in defense activities.

(c) To cooperate with similar councils of defense in other States.

(d) To cooperate with other defense councils in this State.

(e) To supervise and direct investigations, and report to the Governor with recommendations for legislation or other appropriate action as it may deem necessary, with respect to the following matters insofar as they are or may be related to defense:

(1) Industrial materials and facilities.

(2) Production and manufacturing facilities.

(3) Agriculture, food supply, and land use.

(4) Transportation facilities.

(5) Labor supply and training, labor relations, and human resources, professions, trades and skills.

(6) Consumers and consumer protection.

(7) Housing and related facilities.