

compensation paid to employees furnished under this Act during the time the rendition of such aid prevents them from performing their duties in the political subdivision by which they are employed and shall defray the actual traveling and maintenance expenses of such employees while they are rendering such aid. The term "employee" as used herein shall mean and the provisions of this Act shall apply with equal effect to paid, volunteer and auxiliary firemen.

(f) *Temporary Substitute Fire-Fighting Forces.* Substitute firemen, not exceeding the number of regular firemen, may be appointed by the same persons authorized by law to appoint regular firemen; provided that such appointments shall not be subject to the requirements of any Merit System or Civil Service Law or Rules, and that such substitute firemen shall not be entitled, to any pension or retirement rights or privileges. The substitute firemen appointed under this Act shall have the powers, functions and duties of regular firemen. The compensation of such substitute firemen shall not be greater than the lowest rate of pay for regular firemen. Persons appointed as substitute firemen shall exercise their powers, functions and duties only when called upon, during the period all, or any part, of the regular fire-fighting forces of any county, city, town, village or fire district are rendering outside aid pursuant to this Act, and for no longer than two days after the return to duty of the part of the regular fire-fighting forces for which they are substituting. The compensation of such substitute firemen and any allowable expense necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties shall be charged against the county, city, town, village or fire district for which they were appointed and shall be audited, allowed and paid as other charges against it are audited, allowed and paid.

LEASE OR LOAN OF STATE PROPERTY: TRANSFER OF STATE
PERSONNEL.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That upon the request of the Government of the United States, or of any duly authorized official, department or agency thereof, accompanied by a statement that such request is made in pursuance of the successful prosecution of the War, the Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, is authorized and empowered to:

(a) Authorize any department or agency of the State to lease or lend, on such terms and conditions as they may deem necessary to promote the public welfare and protect the interests of the State, any real or personal property of the State, or authorize the temporary transfer or employment of per-