

the State who shall receive such salary as shall be provided in the budget, and he shall be entitled to traveling expenses, and all other expenses incurred when away from home in the discharge of his duties; provided, however, that the present State Game Warden shall be the first Game Warden of this State under the provisions of this section, and provided further, that the present Game Warden, all officers and employees of the Game and Inland Fish Commission shall be and remain under the Merit System and no employee shall have his or her status under the Merit System altered or changed.

The Game Warden shall have charge of, direct, supervise, and control all deputy game wardens and employees of the Commission.

The Game Warden shall have authority to have printed the Annual Report of the Commission, and such bulletins, literature, posters, licenses and other printing as may be necessary to the work of the Commission, including the publication now known as the "Maryland Conservationist."

It shall be the duty of the Commissioners, the Game Warden, and Deputy Game Wardens to prosecute all persons and corporations having in their possession any game or inland fish contrary to the laws of this State. It shall be their duty to see that the game and fish laws are enforced.

POWERS

5. Having a due regard for the distribution, abundance, economic value and breeding habits of wild birds, wild animals, and fish, in inland waters, the Commission is hereby vested with the necessary power and authority to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means it is desirable to enlarge, extend, restrict or prohibit in any degree the provisions of law obtaining in any county in this State for the hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage or export of any wild bird, wild animal, or fish from inland waters, and may, upon its own initiative or upon written petition of fifty residents of any county, at least 25 of whom shall hold valid Hunter's License or Angler's License and at least 25 of whom shall be bona fide farmers who actually reside on a farm, propose regulations for such purpose. The full text of any regulations proposed shall be published ten days before the same may be acted upon and shall name the time and place that the matters mentioned therein will be taken up, at which time any interested citizen shall be heard. Such publications shall be made in a newspaper published in this State. If the Commission is satisfied that the proposed regulation, or any part thereof is advisable, such regulation, or any part thereof,