

*ployees and at least one member of said Commission shall bona fide belong to or be affiliated with that one of the two leading political parties in the State opposite to the Governor's own political party. The Governor shall designate one of said members to serve as Chairman and said Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. It shall be the duty of said Commission to review from time to time the mining laws of the State and to recommend changes thereto to the Governor or other appropriate body. The Commission shall also have the authority to make recommendations as to personnel and equipment and in general make recommendations as to appropriate authorities that would promote the safety of miners in the State of Maryland consistent with producing the maximum amount of coal from the mines. Said Commission shall meet upon call of the Chairman but not less than twice each year. The Commission shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed reasonable traveling and other expense in the conduct of its duties.*

28. The Governor shall, upon the recommendation of the Chief Mine Engineer, appoint from a list of eligibles previously established by the State Employment Commissioner, such number of district mine inspectors, not less than [two] three, as may from time to time be authorized by appropriation or other law. Before entering upon his duties, each such district inspector shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution. Each district inspector shall be reimbursed his necessary traveling expenses upon monthly accounts properly supported by vouchers approved by the Chief Mine Engineer, within such amount as shall not exceed such allowance as may from time to time be provided therefor by appropriation or other law.

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(a). Applicants for first-class mine foreman certificate of competency shall produce evidence satisfactory to the Examining Board that they are [citizens of Maryland,] at least 24 years of age and citizens of the State of Maryland or of another State that accords the citizens of the State of Maryland similar privileges; and shall furnish a verified history of their experience in mining employment, showing in detail the several mines in which they have worked, their location, the particular occupations followed therein during a period of at least five years, and particularly their knowledge of gaseous mines and the extent of the experience therein; and shall pay an examination fee of five dollars to the State.