

1. The Department of Labor and Industry is hereby created. The head of said Department shall be known as the Commissioner and shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, and until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified, and shall devote his entire time to the performance of the duties of his office. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired term. The term of the present Commissioner is hereby extended until the first Monday in May, 1949. The Governor may at any time remove the Commissioner from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The salary of the Commissioner shall be \$7,500 per annum. The said Commissioner shall be allowed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties.

The title of the present Administrative Assistant shall be Deputy Commissioner, whose salary shall be \$6,000 per annum, and the said Deputy Commissioner shall retain, without further examination, all rights and privileges under the State Merit System Law and the State Employees' Retirement System.

At any time hereafter the office of Deputy Commissioner shall become vacant the Employment Commissioner shall, as soon as practical, conduct a competitive promotional examination open only to the employees of the Department and who shall have had at the time of taking the examination not less than three years experience in the work of the Department. The Deputy Commissioner, in the event of the absence, death, resignation, disability, or disqualification of the Commissioner, or in case the office of the Commissioner shall for any cause become vacant, shall have and exercise all the powers and duties vested by law in the Commissioner.

All other employees of the office of Commissioner of Labor and Statistics shall be transferred to the Department of Labor and Industry and retain their present classifications under the Merit System as obtained through examination and shall receive such salary scales as set by the Salary Standard Board.

The Commissioner is authorized and empowered to appoint or employ such deputies, inspectors, assistants and employees of every kind as may be necessary for the performance of the duties now or hereafter imposed upon him by this or any other law; provided, however, that such appointments and employments shall in each and every case be subject to the approval of the Governor and the compensation to be allowed therefor, be subject to the approval of the Salary Standard Board.