

two years, one for four years and one for five years. The Governor shall have the power to remove for cause and any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses and disbursements in attending meetings or performing other official duties. The present State Forester shall become the Director of the Department and his successor shall be appointed by the Commission, in accordance with the Merit System Law. The Director shall be a person with executive ability and special training and experience in forestry, and a graduate of an accredited school of forestry. The Director shall be the administrative head of the Department, shall appoint such assistants and employees as may be provided for in the Budget, subject to the approval of the Commission and under the provision of the Merit System law, and shall have charge of all Forest and Park Wardens in the State and direct them in their work [.] ; *take such action as is authorized by law to prevent and extinguish forest fires, enforce all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to PUBLIC forests, scenics preserves, historic monuments, parkways, parks and recreation areas, and prosecute for any violations of such laws, rules and regulations; direct the promotion of recreation in cooperation with public and private agencies and the planning, administration and improvement of State parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, parkways, State recreation areas, forest reserves; collect data relative to forest management; the administration of the forest conservation practices on privately owned forest land and cooperate with landowners as described in Sections 4 and 53 to 64 inclusive of this Article.* All present personnel of the State Department of Forestry shall be transferred to the new Department.

3. The Department of [State] Forests and Parks shall have the power to purchase *and manage* lands in the name of the State, suitable for forest culture [and], reserves, watershed protection, State Parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, parkways and State recreational reserves, using for such purposes any special appropriation or any surplus money not otherwise appropriated, which may be standing to the credit of the Forest Reserve [Fund,] or Park Reserve Fund, provided that on and after June 1, 1947, no individual tract of land in excess of one hundred acres shall be purchased in Garrett County, except with the approval of the County Commissioners of