

tions and duties of the Commission of Forests and Parks, the Director of the Department of Forests and Parks, the State Forester thereof, and other supervisory personnel of said Department.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 344 of Article 44 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition) title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Forests and Parks" be and it hereby is repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

344.

Natural Resources.

The members of said Commission shall serve for terms of five years from June 1, 1941, but of the first members appointed, one shall serve for one year, one for 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 disbursement 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~~ *perform such* administrative ~~head~~ *functions and duties* 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~~ *as the Commission shall, from time to time, direct and the Commission shall have the power and authority in its discretion to apportion the administrative functions and duties of the Department among the various supervisory personnel of the Department. The State Forester shall have charge of all forest and park wardens in the State, aid 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, scenic 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 346 and 389 to 400 inclusive of this subtitle. All present personnel of the State Department of Forestry shall be transferred to the new Department.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1963.*

Approved April 30, 1963.