

Their term of office shall be *for* five years [from June 1, 1941, but of those first appointed, one shall serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years]. The Governor may remove any member for cause, and any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses and disbursements for attending meetings and performing other official duties.

16. The Commission shall exercise general supervision over all matters pertaining to:

(1) The conduct of topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and [magnetic] *geophysical* surveys.

(2) The preparation of topographic, geologic and other types of maps to meet specific needs.

(3) The preparation of reports on the extent and character of the State's geology, mineral and water resources.

(4) [The inspection, sanitation, ventilation, and safeguarding of mine operations.] *The Bureau of Mines as set forth in Sections 487 through 674, inclusive, of this article.*

(5) The examination of applicants for certificates of competency as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses.

(6) [The control, as far as practicable, of the appropriation or use of surface and underground waters of the State, and the control of the construction and repairs of reservoirs, dams and waterway obstructions.

(7) [The investigation and recommendation of plans and policies for the protection of the waterfront [and waterways] of the State against erosion *and deposition*, and the cooperation necessary for carrying into effect plans for the development of the waterfront property [and the improvement of the waterways] of the State.

17. The [present State Geologist shall become the] administrative head of the Department [to be known as] *is* the Director [but upon his death, resignation or removal the Director] who 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 handling problems in the fields of geology [, mining] and water [supply] *resources*. The Commission shall appoint, in accordance with the merit system law, such assistants and other employees as may be provided for in the budget.

There shall also be attached to said Department a Bureau of Mines, headed by a Director, who shall have charge of the activities set forth in Sections 486 to 656, inclusive, of this article.

[There shall also be attached to said Department a Water Engineer, who shall have charge of the activities set forth in Sections 718 to 755, inclusive, of this article, and shall be appointed by the Commission in accordance with the merit system law.]

487. There is hereby created under the [Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources] *Maryland Geological Survey* a Bureau to be known as the "Bureau of Mines," hereinafter referred to as the Bureau. The main office of the Bureau shall be located in either