

*five years each. One member shall be appointed on the recommendation of the Maryland State Grange; one on the recommendation of the Maryland Farm Bureau; one shall have had practical experience in the lumbering business; and two shall be appointed for their general interest in the advancement of State parks and recreation. The members of the Commission shall select their own chairman. The Governor shall have the power to remove members for cause. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but they shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in attending meetings.*

*(b) The Commission shall serve as an advisory committee to the Director of the Department. It may make suggestions and give advice to the Director as to the operations and administration of the Department.*

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**[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 perform such administrative functions and duties of the Department 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; collect data relative to forest management; the administration of the forest conservation practices on privately owned forest land and cooperate with land-owners 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.]**

*(a) The office of the Director of the Department is hereby created. He shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of Maryland. His appointment is for an indefinite term, at the pleasure of the Governor; and in the operation and conduct of the Department he is responsible solely to the Governor. The salary of the Director shall be as provided in the annual State budget.*

*(b) The Director shall be a person with executive ability and shall*