

*have knowledge and experience in the administration of parks, forests and recreation areas.*

(B) IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE A PERSON OF ACTUAL, PROVEN ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE ABILITY AND THAT IN ADDITION THE DIRECTOR SHALL POSSESS PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING IN FORESTRY OR IN PARKS AND RECREATION, OR IN BOTH FORESTRY AND PARKS AND RECREATION. IN FILLING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL APPLICATIONS FROM ANY PERSONS INCLUDING PRESENT EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE ABLE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS SET OUT HEREIN FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR.

*(c) Before assuming the duties of his office, the Director is required to take the constitutional oath of office.*

*(d) The Director is in sole and active charge of the Department, subject only to his responsibility to the Governor.*

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*There shall be two divisions within the Department, a Division of Forests, under the direction of the State Forester, and a Division of State Parks, under the direction of the Superintendent of State Parks. The State Forester and the Superintendent of State Parks shall be appointed by the Director of the Department for indefinite terms and shall hold their positions subject to IN ACCORDANCE WITH the provisions of the State merit system IN ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE. The State Forester shall have special training and experience in forestry and shall be a graduate of an accredited school of forestry. He shall have charge of all forests in the State subject to the direction of the Director of the Department. The Superintendent of State Parks shall have special training and experience in parks and recreation. He shall have charge of all parks and recreational areas in the State subject to the direction of the Director of the Department. The State Forester and the Superintendent of State Parks shall receive such salaries as shall be provided in the annual State budget.*

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THE PERSONS WHO HELD THE POSITIONS OF STATE FORESTER V AND PARK SUPERINTENDENT V IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1964, IF THEY RESPECTIVELY THEN HAD HELD THESE POSITIONS FOR NOT LESS THAN THE SIX MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING, SHALL BE RESPECTIVELY THE STATE FORESTER AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE PARKS, AS THESE POSITIONS ARE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT. EACH SHALL BE IN THE RESPECTIVE POSITION WITHOUT EXAMINATION AND WITH NO DIMINUTION OF SALARY OR OF ANY OF THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 64A OF THIS CODE.

SEC. 2. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.*

Approved April 7, 1964.