

*therein, notice of which hearing shall be published 15 days before the date of the hearing in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation throughout the State. A copy of such notice shall be sent at the same time to every person, firm, or corporation who or which shall have registered with the State Fire Prevention Commission a request to be so notified. The notice shall contain the time and place of hearing, and shall specify the place and times at which the proposed State Fire Prevention Code may be examined.*

*(b) After the adoption of a State Fire Prevention Code, prior to the promulgation, amendment, or repeal of any additional regulation, the State Fire Prevention Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on each regulation, amendment, or repealer to be separately submitted, notice of which hearing shall be published 15 days before the date of the hearing in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation throughout the State. A copy of such notice shall be sent at the same time to every person, firm, or corporation who or which shall have registered with the State Fire Prevention Commission a request to be so notified. The notice shall contain the time and place of hearing, subjects to be discussed, and shall specify the place and times at which the proposed regulation, amendment, or repealer may be examined.*

#### *5. Commission's Powers in Conduct of Public Hearing*

*For the purpose of any public hearing under this Article, the State Fire Prevention Commission shall have the power to summon witnesses and administer oaths for the purpose of giving of testimony.*

#### *6. Annual Reports*

*The State Fire Prevention Commission shall transmit annually to the Governor by September thirtieth of each year an annual report of its activities.*

### *Fire Marshal*

#### *7. State Fire Marshal; appointment; qualifications*

*(a) The office of State Fire Marshal is established. The State Fire Prevention Commission shall appoint a State Fire Marshal for a six-year term. He is not subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, but he can be removed by the Commission at any time for neglect of duty, or other conduct unbecoming his office. Prior to removal, he shall be given timely notice by the Commission with a statement of the charges against him with an opportunity in person or by counsel for a public hearing thereon. Initially the salary of the State Fire Marshal shall be not less than that of the Assistant Fire Marshal, immediately prior to July 1, 1964. The State Fire Marshal shall be appointed in accordance with the following qualifications: (1) Graduation from an accredited college or university, with specialized study in either the field of fire protection or engineering, and (2) five years of recent progressively responsible experience in fire prevention inspection, fire investigation, fire safety promotion, fire protection engineering, teaching fire safety engineering, or fire fighting, three years of which must have been at the administrative level.*

*(b) The State Fire Marshal, by delegation of authority vested in the State Fire Prevention Commission and within policy established*