

to as the Bureau. The main office of the Bureau shall be located in either Garrett or Allegany County. The precise location shall be selected by the Director of the Bureau of Mines, with the approval of the [Governor,] *Secretary of Natural Resources*.

488.

The Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources*, shall select and appoint from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Commissioner of Personnel, a competent person to be known as the "Director of the Bureau of Mines," who shall be in charge of the Bureau, and in case of any vacancy in the said office by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources*, shall appoint from a list of eligibles prepared by the State Commissioner of Personnel, a competent person to fill such office, provided, however, that the present Chief Mine Engineer, who shall hereafter be designated as "Director of the Bureau of Mines," shall continue to hold such office in accordance with the provisions of the merit system law. Wherever the title "Chief Mine Engineer" is used in this subheading, the title "Director of the Bureau of Mines" shall be substituted, and all the powers, duties and authority conferred on the Chief Mine Engineer by this subheading are hereby conferred on the Director of the Bureau of Mines.

491.

The Governor, *with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources*, shall appoint three (3) persons who shall constitute a Commission to be known as the "Maryland Commission on Mining Laws." One of the three members shall be a representative of the mine operators, one shall be a representative of the mine employees and at least one member of said Commission shall bona fide belong to or be affiliated with that one of the two leading political parties in the State opposite to the Governor's own political party. The Governor shall designate one of said members to serve as Chairman and said Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. It shall be the duty of said Commission to review from time to time the mining laws of the State and to recommend changes thereto ~~to the Governor and to the Secretary of Natural Resources~~ [or other appropriate body]. The Commission shall also have the authority to make recommendations as to personnel and equipment and in general make recommendations as to appropriate authorities that would promote the safety of miners in the State of Maryland consistent with producing the maximum amount of coal from the mines. Said Commission shall meet upon call of the Chairman *or upon the call of the Secretary of Natural Resources* but not less than twice each year. The Commission shall serve without compensation but shall be allowed reasonable traveling and other expense in the conduct of its duties.

498.

The Governor shall, upon the recommendation of the Director, *concurrent in by the Secretary of Natural Resources*, appoint from a list of eligibles previously established by the State Commissioner of Personnel, such number of district mine inspectors, not less than three, as may from time to time be authorized by appropriation or