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(a) Prior to the promulgation by September 1, 1964, of a State Fire Prevention Code, the State Fire Prevention Commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed regulations contained 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.

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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.

The State Fire Prevention Commission shall transmit annually to the Governor and to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services by September thirtieth of each year an annual report of its activities.

7.

(a) The office of State Fire Marshal is established as part of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall appoint a State Fire Marshal for a six-year term from a list of 3 names submitted by the State Fire Prevention Commission. He is not subject to the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, but he can be removed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, at any time for neglect of duty, or other conduct