

conducting and administering the State Accident Fund during said fiscal year, and shall authorize in the same manner as other disbursements from the State Accident Fund are authorized, the amount thereof to be transferred from said [fund] FUND by the Treasurer to the State Treasury to reimburse the State for the moneys so appropriated and expended in conducting and administering the State Accident Fund for such fiscal year.

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(a) There is hereby created [as part of the Department of Personnel an agency of the State to be known as] the "commissioners of the State Accident Fund," to be composed of seven commissioners appointed by the [Secretary of Personnel, subject to the approval of the] Governor, with the powers and duties hereinafter prescribed. The commissioners shall be selected from among the employers, employees or other citizens of the State, as [the Secretary of Personnel and] the Governor may determine. Appointments shall be for terms of five years each. Each commissioner shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and shall have qualified. Vacancies shall be filled by [the Secretary of Personnel, with the approval of] the Governor, for the unexpired term. Said commissioners shall elect annually a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary. The concurrence of at least four commissioners shall be necessary in all matters. Said commissioners shall operate and administer the State Accident Fund and shall devote as much of their time thereto as may be necessary to perform the duties incumbent upon them and carry out the functions of the State Accident Fund. The commissioners shall be paid semimonthly such salaries as are provided in the budget. In addition thereto they shall be entitled to their necessary traveling expenses, in accordance with the Standard Travel Regulations, while engaged in transacting the business of the State Accident Fund, including those incurred in attending meetings of the commissioners.

(b) (1) The commissioners of the State Accident Fund shall [subject to approval by the Secretary of Personnel,] appoint a superintendent and an assistant superintendent to assist him in his duties, both of whom shall receive such salary as may be provided for in the budget. The present personnel employed in the operation of the State Accident Fund, including the superintendent and assistant superintendent, shall be transferred to the agency hereby created and retain their rights and status under Article 64A of the Code, entitled "Merit System," and [future]. FUTURE appointments of such employees as are provided for in the budget, including the superintendent and assistant superintendent, shall be made by said commissioners in accordance with said Article 64A; AND.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 64A, § 35 OF THE CODE, HOWEVER, SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PROVISIONS RELATE TO THE LAYING OFF AND REINSTATEMENT OF