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(1) The Commissioner shall appoint or employ an actuary and may appoint other assistants, to perform actuarial duties of the Department, to take charge of or assist in the examination of insurers, and to perform other duties as may be assigned by the Commissioner.

(2) The Commissioner shall appoint or employ a chief examiner and may appoint other assistant examiners to conduct or assist in examinations of insurers and others provided for under this article.

(3) The Commissioner shall appoint an auditor and examiner for the [Department] ADMINISTRATION, whose duties it shall be to examine and audit the annual statements of all authorized insurers, the books, accounts and affairs of the Department, and such other auditing as the Commissioner may direct.

(4) The Commissioner may appoint [additional deputy insurance commissioners] EMPLOYEES TO HEAD DIVISIONS OR SECTIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 15 OF THIS ARTICLE OR for such special purposes as he may designate.

(5) The Commissioner may appoint and employ field investigators whose primary duties shall be, as directed by the Commissioner, to make investigations in this State of violations or claimed violations of this article.

(6) The Commissioner may appoint and employ [such] other assistants and clerks as may be necessary to assist him in discharging the duties imposed upon him under this article.

(7) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SHALL HAVE A PRINCIPAL COUNSEL WHO SHALL BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SUCH OTHER ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL AS PROVIDED BY THE BUDGET. THE COMMISSIONER MAY EMPLOY ON A FULL-TIME BASIS SUCH OTHER ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW AS THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS NECESSARY.

(8) The Commissioner may from time to time contract for and procure, on a fee or part-time basis, or both, such actuarial, LEGAL, technical or other professional services as he may require for the discharge of his duties.

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(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF PERSONNEL.

(B) (1) ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT SERVE IN A MANAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL, OR TECHNICAL CAPACITY SHALL BE UNCLASSIFIED AND SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COMMISSIONER.

(2) THE COMPENSATION OF UNCLASSIFIED PERSONNEL SHALL BE:

(I) DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER; AND

(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE PAY PLAN WHEN POSSIBLE.