

official duties, and before entering upon such duties shall take the oath prescribed by the Constitution. In case of any vacancy the Governor shall appoint a person to fill the same, to serve until the expiration of the time for which the person so vacating said office was appointed. Commencing in the year 1917 and thereafter the Governor shall appoint one member every year as the term of the members appointed in the year 1916, and their successors, may expire.

2. The State Board of Agriculture, immediately after its organization, is empowered to make reasonable rules and by-laws not in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of this State for its regulation and guidance, and repeal or amend the same as occasion may require. It shall employ such executive officers, heads of departments, specialists, clerks, inspectors and assistants of every kind as it may deem necessary to carry out in a thorough manner all powers and duties now or hereafter assigned to it, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, and the salaries of such employees shall be payable out of such funds as are now or may hereafter be appropriated to said Board for the general purposes thereof or for specific purposes, as designated from time to time. The executive officers and heads of departments shall be appointed by a majority of the whole board, and shall not be removed from office except by a majority vote of the whole Board, when in their judgment the good of the work demands. The Board may also delegate the power to employ and discharge employees to executive officers or heads of departments. The Board shall establish an office or offices for the transaction of its business at such place or places as to it shall seem most expedient, and is empowered to do any and all things necessary or proper for the performance of its duties.

7. The State Board of Agriculture shall investigate the conditions surrounding the breeding, raising and marketing of live stock, and the products thereof, and contagious and infectious diseases affecting the same; the raising, distribution and sale of farm, orchard, forest and nursery products, generally, and plant diseases and injurious insects affecting the same; the preparation, manufacture, quality, analysis, inspection, control and distribution of animal and vegetable products, animal feeds, seeds, fertilizers, agricultural lime, agricultural and horticultural chemicals, and biological products; and shall secure information and statistics in relation thereto and publish such information, statistics and the results of such