

Qualifications of applicants for certificate of competency.

Applicant must appear in person and answer.

And be properly identified.

Board shall keep record of all proceedings.

Contents of said record.

Certificates shall not be transferable.

Issuing of certificates.

All persons applying for a certificate of competency, or to entitle them to be employed as miners, must produce satisfactory evidence of having had not less than two years practical experience as a miner, or as a mine laborer in the mines of this Commonwealth, and in no case shall an applicant be deemed competent unless he appear in person before the said board and answer intelligently and correctly at least twelve questions in the English language pertaining to the requirements of a practical miner, and be properly identified, under oath, as a mine laborer by at least one practical miner holding miners' certificates. The said board shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all its meetings, and in said record shall show a correct detailed account of the examination of each applicant, with the questions asked and their answers, and at each of its meetings the board shall keep said record open for public inspection. Any miner's certificate granted under the provisions of this act, and the hereinafter mentioned act approved the ninth day of May, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, shall not be transferable to any person or persons whatsoever, and any transfer of the same shall be deemed a violation of this act. Certificates shall be issued only at meetings of said board, and said certificates shall not be legal unless then and there signed in person by at least [three] *two* members of said board.

APPROVED—The 24th day of October, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 216

AN ACT

Amending the act of June two, one thousand eight hundred ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws 176), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania and for the protection and preservation of property connected therewith," increasing the compensation of members of the examining boards.

Anthracite coal mines.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 3, article VIII, act of June 2, 1891, P. L. 176, amended June 25, 1947, P. L. 966, further amended.

Section 1. Section three of article VIII, act of June two, one thousand eight hundred ninety-one (Pamphlet Laws 176), entitled "An act to provide for the health and safety of persons employed in and about the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania and for the

protection and preservation of property connected therewith," amended June twenty-five, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 966), is amended to read:

Section 3. For the purpose of examination of candidates for such certificates, a board of examiners shall be appointed in each of the inspection districts provided for by this act. The said board shall consist of the district inspector of mines, two (2) practical miners and one owner, operator or superintendent of a mine. The said inspector shall act *ex-officio*, and the said engineer and owner, operator or superintendent shall be appointed in like *manner and at the same time as the boards of examiners for candidates for mine inspectorship under this act are now appointed. The said board shall act as such for the period of one year from the date of their appointment. Meetings of the board may be held at any time, and they may make such rules and conduct such examinations as in their judgment may seem proper for the purpose of such examinations. The said board shall report their action to the Secretary of the Department of Mines and at least three (3) of the members thereof shall certify to the qualification of each candidate who has passed such examination. The traveling expenses of the members of such board to and from their place of meeting, together with the sum of [ten] *twenty* dollars per day each to the said two (2) practical miners and owner, operator or superintendent, members of each board, for each day they are actually engaged therein not exceeding ten (10) days in all, during the year, shall be paid by the Commonwealth on an order of the Auditor General drawn on the State Treasurer upon the certificate of the mine inspector, member of such board.

Board of examiners.

Membership.

Term.

Rules.

Report to Department of Mines.

Traveling expenses.

APPROVED—The 24th day of October, A. D. 1955.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 217

AN ACT

Amending the act of May thirty-one, one thousand nine hundred twenty-three (Pamphlet Laws 481), entitled "An act providing for the appointment of boards of examiners to examine applicants for certificates of qualification as mine foremen, assistant mine foremen, and fire bosses in the bituminous coal mines of this Commonwealth; prescribing the qualifications; defining the powers and duties, and fixing the compensation of such exam-

* "maner" in original.