

three members, who shall be coal miners in actual practice and who shall have had at least five years' practical experience in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania.

All members of the board shall be at least thirty years of age and shall be appointed by the Governor.

The Secretary of Mines shall be chairman of the board.

The board shall elect a secretary who need not be a member of the board.

Each member of the board, other than the Secretary of Mines, shall receive [fifteen] *twenty* dollars per diem, while actually engaged in the performance of the work of the board, and the secretary shall receive like compensation: Provided, That the Secretary of Mines shall have the right to determine, from time to time, the maximum number of days for which the members of the board and the secretary entitled thereto shall receive compensation.

Mileage and  
necessary travel-  
ing expenses.

The members of the board and the secretary shall receive mileage at the rate of [five cents (5¢)] *seven cents* for each mile actually traveled going from the home of the member to the place of meeting of the board and returning therefrom and such other necessary traveling expense that may be incurred in connection with the work of the board.

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

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No. 219

AN ACT

Amending the act of April twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 551), entitled "An act prohibiting the employment of miners, as herein defined, in the bituminous coal mines, unless certificated by a miners' examining board; providing for the appointment of such boards, and defining their powers and duties; providing penalties; and making an appropriation," increasing per diem compensation of members of miners' examining boards.

Coal miners.

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

Section 2, act of  
April 29, 1937,  
P. L. 551,  
amended, in part,  
June 24, 1939,  
P. L. 867,  
further amended.

Section 1. Section two, act of April twenty-nine, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 551), entitled "An act prohibiting the employment of miners, as herein defined, in the bituminous coal mines, unless certificated by a miners' examining board; providing for the appointment of such boards, and defining their powers and duties; providing penalties; and

making an appropriation," amended, in part, June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 867), is amended to read:

Section 2. The Secretary of Mines, with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint as many miners' examining boards as may be deemed necessary, but not exceeding five in number, each board to be composed of three practical and experienced bituminous miners who shall have had at least ten years experience in the bituminous mines of this Commonwealth, and who shall be at least thirty years of age. Each member of an examining board shall hold office at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Miners' examining boards.

Qualifications of members.

The boards first appointed shall have authority to issue to their respective members the certificates of competency required by this act without examination.

The boards first appointed shall be so located by the Secretary of Mines as to meet the needs of the various regions in which bituminous coal is mined.

Each miners' examining board shall organize by the selection of one of its members as chairman and one as secretary. All records, reports, books, and papers of a board shall be kept by the secretary who shall also be furnished with a seal by the Department of Mines.

Organization.

Each member of a miners' examining board shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of [ten] *twenty* dollars for each day of seven hours necessarily employed and all necessary and legitimate expense incurred in the discharge of his duties, which compensation and expenses shall be paid from appropriations made for such purposes.

Compensation.

The number of miners' examining boards may be reduced at the pleasure of the Secretary of Mines after the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight: Provided, That when in the opinion of the Secretary of Mines a sufficient number of miners have been certificated to amply supply the demands of the bituminous mines of this Commonwealth, he shall suspend entirely the activities of the miners' examining boards and direct that any additional miners shall be examined and granted certificates by the district mine foreman's examining boards, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Mines shall prescribe. This examination by the mine foreman's examining board shall be given with the same rate of compensation and expenses as is now allowable to the mine foreman's examining board, and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be charged for the issuance of a certificate.

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