

The Attorney General is a constitutional official and he is elected for a period of two years.

It is the duty of the Attorney General to appear for the state, prosecute or defend all actions and proceedings, civil and criminal, in which the state shall be a party or interested, when requested to do so by the governor, executive council or general assembly, or he may so appear on his own motion; and shall prosecute or defend for the state all causes in the supreme court in which the state is a party or interested.

The Attorney General is given supervisory power over county attorneys.

He shall also, when requested, give his opinion in writing upon all questions of law submitted to him by the general assembly or any state department.

It is also the duty of the Attorney General to prepare drafts for contracts, forms and other writings which may be required for the use of the state, and shall at the close of each biennial period report to the Governor the condition of his office, the opinions rendered and the business transacted in the office.

The Attorney General is chairman of the state board of law examiners, and is ex officio a member of the state printing board.

Board of Law Examiners

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The State Board of Law Examiners was created by an act of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly which went into effect on the fourth day of July, 1901.

The Attorney General is by virtue of his office, chairman of the board and the other members are appointed by the supreme court.

The members of the board are paid as compensation fifteen dollars per day out of the fund arising from examination fees. The supreme court may appoint temporary examiners to serve for one examination.

Every applicant for admission to the bar must pass an examination by the board in compliance with the statutes and the rules established by the supreme court and the board. Examination fee, \$5; certificate fee, \$1; persons admitted on motion from other states, \$10.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Office located on main floor of Capitol Building)

Term expires December 31, 1942

MARK G. THORNBURG, Emmetsburg, *Secretary*

Salary, \$5,000 annually

Harry D. Linn, Des Moines, *Assistant Secretary*

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The Iowa Department of Agriculture was created by the Fortieth General Assembly in 1923 for the express purpose of promoting and advancing the interests of agriculture. In creating an agricultural department, the legislature abolished a number of existing bureaus and