

State Civil Service Commission State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The State Civil Service Commission works to promote greater efficiency and economy in government by applying merit system methods and principles to state personnel management. The Civil Service Commission serves as an enforcement, regulatory and investigative body in carrying out the provisions of the Civil Service Act as amended. The Commission recruits and examines job applicants, certifies employment and promotion lists, and hears appeals against actions of appointing authorities.

The publications of the Civil Service Commission contain annual reports. Selected topics from these publications include yearly happenings and statistics for the Commission. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2022 to present.

Biographical / Historical

The State Civil Service Commission was created on June 6, 1939. The Act of Aug. 5, 1941, P.L. 752, known as the Civil Service Act, activated the State Civil Service Commission to administer the merit system in the Commonwealth. Civil Service had come into existence in Pennsylvania with the passage of the Liquor Control Act in 1933, which required the Liquor Control Board to select personnel under a merit system administered by the Department of Public Instruction. By 1937, two additional personnel agencies had been created to administer merit systems: the Employment Board for the Department of Public Assistance and the Board of Review for the Division of Unemployment Compensation and Employment Service in the Department of Labor and Industry. The boards operated independently until the Civil Service Commission was given the authority to operate a unified program in 1941.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Department of Public Instruction (partly-incorporated agency), Department of Public Assistance Employment Board (incorporated agency), Department of Labor and Industry Board of Review (incorporated agency)

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the State Civil Service Commission at the Pennsylvania State

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