fulfill their obligations, in order that the insurance commissioner may ascertain and determine whether or not they have complied with the laws of this State.*

1918, ch. 101, sec. 177A.

**177A.** The Insurance Commissioner and the Deputy Insurance Commissioner shall have the power to administer oaths to all witnesses who appear before them, or either of them, in connection with any examination, investigation or hearing, the violation of which oaths shall constitute perjury; and also to require agents and brokers to produce any books, policies or papers in their possession that may be needed in connection with any hearing, examination or investigation of such agents or brokers.

1904, art. 23, sec. 160. 1888, art. 23, sec. 122. 1860, art. 56, sec. 28. 1858, ch. 432, sec. 2. 1872, ch. 388. 1874, ch. 400. 1876, ch. 248. 1878, ch. 106. 1886, ch. 132. 1894, ch. 272. 1902, ch. 338. 1914, ch. 821. 1914, ch. 152. 1914, ch. 631. 1918, ch. 101. 1918, ch. 102.

**178.** It shall be the duty of the insurance commissioner:

*First.* To see that all laws of this State relating to insurance or insurance companies are faithfully executed; to keep on file in his office copies of the charter, declaration of organization or deed of settlement of every insurance company, including partnerships, joint stock associations and corporations organized under the laws of this State, or organized under the laws of some other State or nation, and applying to do business in this State, which copies shall be duly certified in accordance with the laws by the secretary of State or other proper officer of the State or nation wherein such companies are organized; and the insurance commissioner shall, upon application of any such company or association, furnish them with certified copies of their charter so filed in his department.

*Second.* To furnish in December of each year to the companies required by this Article to report to him the necessary blank forms for the statements required; and as soon as practicable in each year, he shall cause to be calculated by the actuary of his department, under his supervision, the net value, on the thirty-first day of December of the previous year, of all the policies and additions thereto, and all obligations for the payment of annuities in force on that day of each life insurance company doing business in this State organized by authority of this State; and every other life insurance company doing business in this State, that shall fail to furnish him, as hereinafter provided, from the insurance Commissioner of this State by whose authority the Company was organized, or of the State in which it may elect to have its policies valued and its deposits made, in case the Company is chartered by the Government of the United States, or by any foreign government, or by any State not having an insurance department, a certifi-

*The act of 1918, chapter 451, is in effect October 1, 1918.