## Opinion No. 340

## State Examiner—Examinations—State Officers—State Boards.

HELD: The State Examiner is required to examine without fee each year state officers and boards handling state money, but he is not required to examine boards which do not handle public moneys.

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You have submitted the following: "Your opinion is respectfully requested as to whether the State Examiner should examine the following Boards and Commissions. If he is required to examine such, should any of them pay a fee for the examination? Architectural Board of Examiners, Abstractors Board of Examiners, Beauty Culturists Board of Examiners, Chiropractic Board of Examiners, Barbers Board of Examiners, Fish and Game Department, Osteopath

pathic Board of Examiners, Pharmacy Board, Optometry Board of Examiners, Industrial Accident Board, Livestock Sanitary Board, Livestock Commission, Medical Board."

Section 210, R. C. M. 1921, as amended by Chapter 78, Laws of 1923, Section 1, states the duties of the State Examiner:

"210. Duties of State Examiner. The duties of the State Examiner and his assistants are:

"1. To examine at least once in each year the books and accounts of the state treasurer, state auditor, secretary of state, clerk of the supreme court, state game warden, register of state land office, and all other state officers having the collection or handling of state money, county treasurers. county clerks, county assessors, district court clerks, county auditors. sheriffs, public administrators, boards of county commissioners of each county, and all other officers and boards whether temporary or permanent, however created and for whatever purpose. having the control, management, collection or disbursement of any public moneys of any character or description."

This section, by express provision, requires the examination of the office of State Game Warden once each year. I am of the opinion that the Industrial Accident Board and Livestock Commission also come within the provisions of this section as all are offices having the collection or handling of state money and depend upon appropriations by the legislature.

The statute does not require the payment of a fee for such examinations and hence none is required.

None of the other boards above mentioned, in my opinion, have the "control, management, collection or disbursement or any public moneys of any character or description," and therefore they do not come within the provisions of this statute. See my opinion No. 89, this volume, concerning the State Board of Dental Examiners, as to what are public moneys.