§ 8. Waiver of immunity from liability. The state hereby waives its
immunity from liability and action and hereby assumes liability and
consents to have the same determined in accordance with the same rules
of law as applied to actions in the supreme court against individuals or
corporations, provided the claimant complies with the limitations of
this article. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect,
alter or repeal any provision of the workmen's compensation law.