

City, who shall constitute the Board of State Aid and Charities. The members of this board shall serve from the first Monday in the month of May next after their appointment and shall continue in office for two years and until their successors shall have been appointed and have qualified. Appointments to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation or removal shall be made by the Governor. Not more than four members of any retiring board shall be eligible to reappointment to succeed themselves on the next board.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no member of this board nor its secretary shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract for building, repairing or furnishing in whole or in part, or be financially interested in any contract with any institution coming under the supervision of this board; nor shall any officer, secretary or employee of any such institution be eligible to appointment on this board.

Members not to be interested in contracts, etc.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the members of this board shall receive no compensation for their services, but their actual expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board or in attending to its necessary business shall be paid; and the Treasurer of the State is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the president of said board such sums not exceeding five hundred dollars in the aggregate in any one year as he may demand for such necessary expenses. And the said board shall further be allowed a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars to be used for the printing of its report and for the purchase of such stationery and supplies as it may need.

Compensation not allowed.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the board shall hold regular meetings quarterly and may hold adjourned, special or called meetings at any time in such places within this State as may seem to it convenient and expedient. It shall investigate and consider the whole system of State aid to public and other institutions receiving aid in this State. To this end it shall have power to make an investigation at any time into the condition and management of any institution financially aided by this State, and may demand such information, statistical or otherwise, as it may desire from the officers, directors or employees of such institutions; or it may direct such an investigation to be made by a committee of its members or by its secretary. Within one week after the convening of every regular session of the General Assembly it shall furnish to the chairman of the finance committee of the Senate and the ways and means committee of the House of Delegates a printed report of the condition of all the institutions receiving finan-

To investigate system of State aid.