

house, and such other accounts of State officers not herein enumerated as the Board of Public Works may direct; he shall also with the assistance of the Deputy State Auditor on or before the first day of December in each year make an examination of the books and accounts of all institutions in this State receiving State aid; he or the Deputy State Auditor shall personally visit all of the aforesaid offices and institutions at least once a year and oftener if in his judgment it is necessary so to do. The State Auditor shall on or before the first day of December in each year make a full and detailed report in writing to the Board of Public Works of the result of his examinations of the books and accounts of the officers and institutions so examined by him. It shall be his duty in such annual reports to make suggestions as to changes in the conduct of such offices and institutions and in the method of keeping the books and accounts in the offices and institutions examined by him; and also as to changes in the form of the reports made by said officers to the Comptroller. It shall also be the duty of the State Auditor to report all violations of the law in the conduct of such offices and in the keeping of the books and accounts of the offices and institutions examined by him to the Board of Public Works, and to make such suggestions as to amendments of the laws of the State as he may deem advisable to protect the interests of the State. If the suggestions of the State Auditor as to the changes in the conduct of such offices or in the method of keeping the books and accounts of any office or institution receiving State aid or as to the form of the report to the Comptroller, are approved by the Board of Public Works, such board shall forthwith pass an order directing all officers accounting to the Comptroller to adopt and follow such method of conducting their offices or of keeping their books and accounts in their offices or institutions, or making such form or report as the case may be. And in case it shall appear from the report of the State Auditor that any officer whose accounts shall have been examined by him is in default to the State for any sum or sums of money, it shall be the duty of the Board of Public Works forthwith to direct the State's Attorney of the county or of Baltimore City to bring action in the name of the State against such officer and his bond, if any, to recover said money so due to the State as aforesaid, or the Board of Public Works may in their discretion direct such suit to be brought by the Attorney General of the State.

219. The State Auditor is hereby authorized and empowered to require the production before him of the books and