

local boards of health throughout the State; he shall, when requested by local boards, visit their respective districts, cities or villages to investigate the cause of any existing disease, and shall, from time to time, and whenever directed by the governor or legislature, make special inspections of public hospitals, asylums, prisons and other institutions, and shall, at each session of the legislature, submit, through the board, a full report of his investigations, with such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem proper; he shall, when required by the governor or other proper authorities, advise in regard to the location, drainage, water supply, disposal of excrement, heating and ventilation of any public institution or building belonging to the State; he shall collect information concerning vital statistics, prevailing diseases and the general hygiene of the State, and through an annual report and otherwise, as the board may direct, shall disseminate such information among the people; he shall receive from the treasury, in monthly payments, an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the comptroller out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

1908, ch. 345.

6. The state board of health shall appoint a suitable person, who shall have been actually engaged in this State as an analytical chemist for at least ten years prior to his appointment, as chemist to the state board of health, who shall hold office as long as he shall faithfully discharge the duties thereof. The chemist, under the direction and control of the state board of health and the secretary thereof, shall have charge of the analyses and examination of foods, drugs and other substances which shall be submitted to him for examination, and he shall report in writing the result of his analyses and examination to the secretary. The chemist shall annually make a report to the state board of health of the work done by him for the previous year. The chemist shall receive from the treasury, in monthly payments, an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to be paid upon the warrant of the comptroller, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

1904, art. 43, sec. 6. 1888, art. 43, sec. 6. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 7. 1898, ch. 312.

7. The secretary of the state board of health shall be the state registrar of vital statistics for Maryland; he shall, under the direction of the state board of health, prepare the necessary methods, books and forms for accurate registration of births and deaths, and shall supply the local registrars, health officers, ministers, physicians, undertakers, mid-wives and other persons charged with any duty under this section, the proper blanks, forms and books of record. The state registrar shall collect, tabulate and preserve the records of the vital statistics of the State. Annually, in the month of January, he shall prepare a general