

1902, ch. 160, sec. 2. 1908, ch. 496, sec. 2.

**231.** The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall bi-ennially appoint seven experienced undertakers, residents of the State of Maryland, who shall have been actively engaged in their profession for the last five years immediately preceding their appointments; five of whom shall be residents of Baltimore city and two residents of the counties, who, together with the secretary of the state board of health of Maryland and the commissioner and the assistant commissioner of health of the city of Baltimore, who shall be *ex officio* members, shall constitute the "state board of undertakers of Maryland," and they shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution of Maryland. The members of the said board shall hold office until their successors are duly appointed and qualified; any vacancy or vacancies occurring in the membership of the said board appointed by the governor during a recess of the legislature shall be filled by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate at its next session.\*

1902, ch. 160, sec. 3.

**232.** Each member of said board, before entering upon his duties shall take and subscribe to an oath before the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city or the clerk of the circuit court of any county in the State, that he will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office without fear, partiality or favor, and that he will not, during his term of office, accept any money, gift, gratuity or consideration whatsoever from any person or persons, concerning any matter or thing connected with the duties of his office. A certificate from the clerk of the court before whom such oath was taken and subscribed shall be filed in the office of the said board.\*

1902, ch. 160, sec. 4.

**233.** Immediately after the appointment and qualification of the members of the board, they shall meet and organize by electing from among their number a president and a treasurer, and adopt all necessary rules, by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution and the laws of this State, for the transaction of the business of the said board, and the management of its affairs, as they may deem expedient, and the board is further authorized to adopt and use a seal for any and all business of the said board requiring the use thereof.\*

1902, ch 160, sec. 5. 1908, ch. 496, sec. 5.

**234.** The members of the said board shall serve without pay, but shall have the power to appoint a secretary at a salary of not more than five hundred dollars per annum, and one or more inspectors, whose compensation shall be fixed by said board, which, together with the actual traveling, legal and other necessary expenses of the board and its officers, shall be paid out of the receipts as hereafter directed.\*

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\*See important foot-note on page 1150, relative to the validity and operation of sections 230 to 247, sub-title "Undertakers," particularly of sections 236, 237 and 244.