

pensation from the State for attendance or travel unless the Board shall certify that his or her testimony was material to the matter investigated. Fees paid under this section shall be charged to the general appropriation for the State Board of Health. The State Board of Health may, in any investigation, cause depositions of witnesses residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by the law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of record.

1904, art. 43, sec. 5. 1888, art. 43, sec. 5. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 6. 1898, ch. 312.
1914, ch. 675.

5. The secretary shall be the State Health Officer and shall hold office as long as he shall faithfully discharge the duties thereof, but may be removed for just cause at a regular meeting of the Board, a majority of the members voting therefor; he shall keep a record of the transactions of the Board and an account of all expenditures by them; he shall, whenever necessary or practicable, correspond and consult with health authorities of other States, and with the local Boards and all health officers in this State and secure an interchange of all useful sanitary information, especially respecting the causes, treatment and progress of epidemics; he shall keep on file all reports received from such Boards and all correspondence relating to the duties of this Board; he shall prepare blank forms of returns and such instructions as may be necessary, and forward them to the several local Boards of Health and all health officers throughout the State; he shall, when requested by local Boards or any health officers, 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 the 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 have general jurisdiction and control over all health officers inspectors, agents, nurses and others appointed under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health, and shall assist and advise them in the performance of their duties, and shall have and perform such other duties as the State Board of Health may impose upon him. During his term of office he shall not engage in the practice of medicine or in any occupation which would conflict in with the performance of his official duties, and he shall receive from the Treasury, in monthly payments, an annual salary of three thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.