

1916, ch. 705, sec. 4A.

4A. To enable the Board of State Aid and Charities to properly discharge the duties imposed upon it by this law, the said Board may of its own motion, or by the direction of the Governor shall cause charges to be formulated against any corporation, association, institution or agency receiving financial assistance from the State or with which the State has contracts and cause a copy of such charges to be served on such corporation, association, institution or agency; and shall have power to issue a summons for witnesses and documents, which summons shall be duly served, as are other similar writs, by any sheriff to whom the same shall be directed, and to administer oaths, and take testimony which it shall cause to be transcribed and included in its report. And the said Board shall have further power to visit, in person or by its Secretary, any institution receiving financial assistance from the State, or with which the State has contracts, and to thoroughly inspect the management, buildings and equipment thereof. But such visits and inspections shall be made at reasonably convenient hours and with reasonable regard to the established discipline, regulations and customs of the said institution; provided that any party who shall feel aggrieved at the action of said Board hereunder may within thirty days after the determination by said Board appeal to any Court of General Common Law Jurisdiction in the county or city where the office of the said Board shall be located at the time of said appeal; and the said Court, sitting without a jury, shall thereupon fully investigate the subject matter of the said appeal, and decide all questions of law or fact arising in connection therewith, and affirm, reverse or modify any determination of the said Board in the premises, and make such disposition of the costs of the appeal as it shall find to be just. Provided, however, that all the monies appropriated to Charitable Institutions shall be paid to them on a per capita basis according to rates fixed by the Board of Public Works, which rates should represent the reasonable cost of rendering the services required of the said institutions to the persons under their care and should be impartial, fair and uniform in the case of all institutions caring for persons of substantially the same class and under conditions approved by the Board of Public Works. And provided further, that the amount which may be earned by any institution in any one year shall not exceed the amount appropriated to it.

1904, art. 88A, sec. 5. 1900, ch. 679, sec. 6. 1904, ch. 549, sec. 6.  
1916, ch. 705, sec. 5.

5. The said Board shall appoint a competent person to act as its Secretary, who shall be paid for his services such compensation not exceeding twenty-two hundred dollars in any one year as may be agreed upon by the Board. The Secretary shall also be allowed his reasonable traveling expenses in attending to his duties. The Secretary shall devote his whole time to the duties of the office; and the said Board, with the approval of the Governor, may appoint such stenographers