

pœna lawfully issued, or on refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the Circuit Court of any county or the judge thereof, or of either of the Circuit Courts of Baltimore city or the judges thereof, on application of any member of the State Board of Health, to compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt. Every witness who shall appear before the Board by its orders shall receive for his attendance the fees now provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid by the State in the same manner as other expenses are audited and paid upon the presentation of properly verified vouchers. But no witness subpoenaed at the instance of parties other than the Board shall be entitled to compensation 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.

An. Code, sec. 3. 1904, sec. 3. 1888, sec. 3. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 4.

5. The said board shall meet quarterly in the city of Baltimore and at such other times and places as they shall appoint, a majority to be a quorum for the transaction of business; they shall elect one of their number to be president of the board and adopt all needful rules and regulations subject to the provisions of this article; they shall organize, as far as practicable, in every city, village and legislative district in this State, local boards or advisory committees to serve without pay, to assist the board in the proper performance of their duties and to make a report quarterly to the board of the sanitary condition of their respective cities, villages or districts. The board shall have authority to send their secretary or a committee of the board to any part of the State at any time when necessary to investigate the cause of any special or unusual sickness or mortality. In the event of an epidemic or pestilential disease occurring in any county, city or village of the State the board shall forthwith cause all needful sanitary measures and precautions to be taken which the emergency may call for and which may be consistent with law, and shall be approved by the governor, said approval to be expressed in writing; and upon the application of said board, with the approval of the governor, the comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer in favor of the board for an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be applied and expended under the direction of the governor and the said board of health in carrying out such needful sanitary measures and precautions.

An. Code, sec. 4. 1904, sec. 4. 1888, sec. 4. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 5.

6. At their first meeting, or as soon as a competent and suitable person can be secured, the board shall elect a secretary¹ who shall be an educated

¹ Ch. 29 of 1922 (p. 64) abolished the office of secretary and provided that the director of health should exercise all the powers, perform the duties, etc., of the secretary. See sec. 2 of this article.