

An. Code, sec. 6. 1908, ch. 345.

15. 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.

An. Code, sec. 7. 1904, sec. 6. 1888, sec. 6. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 7. 1898, ch. 312.
1912, ch. 696, sec. 6.

16. 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, deputy local registrars, health officers, ministers, physicians, undertakers, midwives and other persons charged with any duty under this sub-title, with the proper blanks, forms and books of record. The State Registrar shall collect, permanently bind, preserve and make indices to the records of vital statistics collected by him, and shall tabulate and annually prepare a general abstract and report of the vital statistics for the preceding year so tabulated and arranged as to render them of particular utility, and shall have printed not more than one thousand copies, of which he shall forward five copies each to the Governor and the State librarian, one to each member of the General Assembly of Maryland, one to each local health officer, one to each local registrar, one to each deputy local registrar, one to the Board of Health of each State and territory of the United States, and the remainder to such departments, libraries, and persons as may seem to the State registrar entitled to the same. Such records shall be carefully preserved from loss by fire or other damage.

Marriages and divorces must be reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics—
art. 62, sec. 16.

An. Code, sec. 8. 1904, sec. 7. 1888, sec. 6. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 7. 1898, ch. 312.
1912, ch. 696, sec. 6. 1916, ch. 691, sec. 7.

17. Health officers of the various Counties shall be ex-officio county registrars of vital statistics. Health officers of all towns of five thousand population and over shall be ex-officio local registrars of vital statistics. All county registrars, local registrars and deputy local registrars of vital statistics shall qualify by oath to perform faithfully their duties as such