

sufficient to provide for one-third of all pensions paid or to be paid within said county or city and for all expenses of administration in said county or city. Upon the orders of the Local Board or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City, the County Treasurer or the City Comptroller, as the case may be, shall pay out the amounts ordered to be paid as pensions, under the provisions of this Article. Provided, however, that the County Commissioners of each County and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City shall not be obligated to pay out any sums as pensions in excess of one-third of the total of all pensions paid or to be paid within said county or city hereunder, except to the extent that funds may be available in the State Treasury for reimbursement.

The State shall reimburse each County and the City of Baltimore to the extent of two-thirds of the amount expended for relief for each person receiving an old age pension under the provisions of this Article. Claims for reimbursement shall be presented monthly by the County Commissioners of the several Counties and by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the State Comptroller. The amount so certified by the County Commissioners of the several Counties and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be paid from the State Treasury out of funds allocated or allotted for the purpose, upon the audit and warrant of the State Comptroller to the fiscal officers of the respective Counties and of Baltimore City entitled thereto.

1931, ch. 114, sec. 16. 1935, ch. 592, sec. 16.

**16.** There shall be a department, to be known as the Department of Old Age Pensions and Relief of the State of Maryland, which shall be charged with the execution of this Article. The head of said Department shall be the Board of Old Age Pensions and Relief, consisting of five persons appointed by the Governor, not more than three of whom shall be of any one political party, who shall serve without pay but who shall receive their actual expenses incurred in performing their duties hereunder. The term of office of each member of said Board shall be five years, except that, of the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a period of five years, one for a period of four years, one for a period of three years, one for a period of two years and one for a period of one year. There shall be an Administrator of Pensions and Relief, who shall be appointed by the Board from a list certified by the State Employment Commissioner. The qualifications of said Administrator shall be specified by the Board. He shall receive an annual compensation as fixed and provided by the budget and may with the approval of the Board employ investigators and clerical and other assistants within such expense allowance as shall be fixed and provided by the budget. The Governor may designate one member of the Board to be the chairman thereof, or in default of such designation or in case of vacancy, the Board shall select its own chairman.

The provisions of Senate Bill 262,<sup>1</sup> Session of 1935, in the event of its

<sup>1</sup> Now ch. 586, acts of 1935. See art. 88A, secs. 1-8G.