

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, 1924, sec. 7. 1912, sec. 5. 1904, sec. 5. 1888, sec. 5. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 6. 1898, ch. 312. 1914, ch. 675.

5. The Director¹ 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

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.