

Welfare, as the lawful successor thereto. Wherever in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland the term "Department of Charities" appears, there shall be substituted therefor the term "State Department of Public Welfare"; wherever the term "Board of State Aid and Charities" appears, the term "State Department of Public Welfare" shall be substituted therefor.

The Board of Public Welfare shall appoint a competent person to act as Director of Public Welfare, and as Secretary to the Board of Public Welfare, who shall be paid for his services such compensation as may be provided in the budget. The Director shall be a competent person having adequate training and practical experience in social welfare work; and in making said appointment, the Board shall be governed by Article 64A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland. The Director shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office. The present Executive Secretary of the Department of Charities shall retain his present status under the merit system, and be reclassified as the first Director of Public Welfare.

1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 2.

2. There is hereby created and established a Board of Public Welfare, consisting of seven members to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman. One member of such Board shall be designated by the Governor to serve until June 1, 1940, and the other six appointees, respectively, until the first day of June, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946, respectively; and thereafter each member appointed shall serve for a term of seven years, or until his successor has been appointed and qualified. In case of a vacancy in the Board for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of the Board shall receive no salary for their services as such, but their expenses incurred in attending meetings shall be paid on certificate of the Director of Public Welfare and upon warrants of the Comptroller.

1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 3.

3. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating, and directing agency of the welfare activities included within this Article, and any supplements and amendments thereto, and also of welfare activities in the fields of Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Assistance to the Needy Blind, and General Public Assistance. All of the activities of the County Boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare. Said State Department shall also investigate, study and consider the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in the State, including those which receive part of their income from the State.

1935, ch. 586, sec. 3. 1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 4.

4. Prior to the convening of every regular session of the General Assembly the State Department of Public Welfare with the approval of the Board shall furnish to the Governor a printed report of all its activities