

and of the condition of all charitable institutions, organizations or agencies (including hospitals) receiving financial aid from the State; and the State Department shall further make such recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions as may seem wise and for the best interests of the State, giving the reasons for such recommendations as fully as may be practicable.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 2. 1912, sec. 2. 1904, sec. 2. 1900, ch. 679, sec. 5. 1904, ch. 549, sec. 3. 1933, ch. 222, sec. 2. 1935, ch. 586, sec. 4. 1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 5.

5. No member of the Board of Public Welfare nor any of the employees of the State Department of Public Welfare shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract for building, repairing or furnishing in whole or in part, or be financially interested in any contract with any institution coming under the supervision of this Department, nor shall any officer, secretary or employee of any such institution be eligible to appointment on the Board of Public Welfare.

1935, ch. 586, sec. 5. 1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 6.

6. The State Department may, with the approval of the Board, designate organizations within the State as its agents as may be required for the purposes of this Article; and the State Department may, with the approval of the Board, prescribe rules and regulations necessary for the execution of the purposes of this Article, provided such regulations be not inconsistent therewith, and the Board shall determine the policies of said State Department.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 5. 1912, sec. 4A. 1916, ch. 705, sec. 4A. 1933, ch. 222, sec. 5. 1935, ch. 586, sec. 6. 1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 7.

7. To enable the State Department of Public Welfare to discharge properly the duties imposed upon it, the said State Department may of its own motion, or by the direction of the Governor shall cause charges to be formulated against any corporation, association, institution or agency engaged in charitable or social welfare activities, receiving financial assistance from the State or with which the State has contracts and cause a copy of such charges to be served on such corporation, association, institution or agency; and shall have power to issue summonses for witnesses and documents, which summonses shall be duly served, as are other similar writs, by any sheriff to whom the same shall be directed, and to administer oaths, and take testimony which it shall cause to be transcribed and included in its report. The Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, is hereby authorized and empowered to withhold, in whole or in part, further payments to any such institution or agency out of current or future appropriations, upon recommendation of the State Department of Public Welfare if in its judgment the facts warrant, and by budget amendment to transfer any part of such appropriation so withdrawn to any other institution or agency of a like nature, upon recommendation of the State Department of Public Welfare.

The State Department of Public Welfare shall have further power to visit any State-aided institution, organization, or agency engaged in welfare activities, and thoroughly to inspect the management, buildings and equipment thereof; but such visits and inspections shall be made at reasonably convenient hours and with reasonable regard to the established discipline, regulations and customs of the said institution, organization or agency.