

shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. Appointments to vacancies occurring in 1939 shall be for the term of one year; appointments to vacancies occurring in 1940 shall be for the term of two years; and appointments to vacancies occurring in 1941 shall be for the term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for six-year terms. Upon the expiration of any term, the appointee shall be ineligible for re-appointment to a second term immediately succeeding the first. Any vacancy occurring for any reason during a term shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

The members of each County Welfare Board, other than the County Commissioner serving thereon, shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners from a list submitted by the State Department of Public Welfare as hereinafter provided, after approval by the Board. In case of a vacancy occurring in the membership of any County Board by reason of expiration of the term or otherwise, the Board of County Commissioners of the county concerned shall forthwith proceed to appoint the requisite member or members from a list to be submitted by the State Department of Public Welfare, after conference with the Board of County Commissioners of the county concerned, which list shall contain twice the number of persons to be selected. A vacancy created in the *ex-officio* membership of the County Board shall be filled by the Board of County Commissioners alone.

Each County Board shall select its own chairman annually.

The County Boards shall in their respective counties appoint the personnel necessary for the proper administration of this Article, which power of appointment shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Section 9 of this Article.

1935, ch. 586, sec. 8F. 1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 8F.

14. The State Department of Public Welfare is hereby authorized and empowered to accept any and all allotments of Federal funds and commodities and to manage and dispose of the same in whatever manner may be required by Federal law, and to take advantage of the Federal Social Security Act and any amendments and supplements thereto, and any other Federal Act relating to public welfare.

1935, ch. 586, sec. 8G. 1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 8G.

15. The organization, rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City as prescribed in Section 167 of Article 1¹ of the Public Local Laws relating to Baltimore City shall not be affected by this Article, except as hereinbefore provided, but said Department of Welfare of Baltimore City is hereby vested with all the rights, powers and functions which are vested in the County Welfare Boards under this Article.

1939, chs. 99 and 240, sec. 7.

16. If any provision of Sections 1-16 or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of said sections and the application thereof to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

¹ Article "4" evidently intended.