

ARTICLE 22.

POST MORTEM EXAMINERS.¹

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1939, ch. 369, sec. 1.

1. The Department of Post Mortem Examiners is hereby created and established. The head of said Department shall be a Commission, consisting of the Professor of Pathology of the University of Maryland, the Professor of Pathology of the Johns Hopkins University, the Director of Health of the State of Maryland, the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City and the Attorney General of Maryland. The members of said Commission shall serve without compensation and shall select one of its members as Chairman, and one as Vice-Chairman, who shall act as Chairman in the absence or inability of the Chairman.

1939, ch. 369, sec. 2.

2. The said Commission is hereby authorized and directed to appoint three medical examiners, one to be known as Chief Medical Examiner, at an annual salary of \$6,500, and the other two as Assistant Medical Examiners, at an annual salary of \$5,000 each. The Chief Medical Examiner and the Assistant Medical Examiners shall be licensed Doctors of Medicine, and shall have had at least two years post-graduate training in pathology. The said Commission shall also appoint such clerks and other employees as may be necessary for the proper administration of the Department and at such compensation as may be provided in the Ordinance of Estimates of Baltimore City and the salaries of said Examiners shall be included in the Ordinance of Estimates each year. The Clerks and employees shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 268 to 284, inclusive, of the Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), known as the Merit System.

1939, ch. 369, sec. 3.

3. The said Commission is hereby authorized to appoint a Deputy Medical Examiner, who shall be a licensed Doctor of Medicine, for each county in the State; provided, however, that an additional Deputy Medical Examiner or Examiners may be appointed for any county whenever, in its discretion, the said Commission shall deem it necessary or desirable to do so. The Deputy Medical Examiners shall be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than two qualified persons submitted by the Medical Societies of the respective counties; provided, however, that if

See Art. 4, sec. 45, of Md. Constitution.

¹ This article formerly related to coroners.