

in every second year; thereafter the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall biennially appoint two members in the place of the two whose terms shall so expire, who shall hold office for four years; and all vacancies occurring otherwise shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate.

1880, ch. 438, sec. 3.

2. The State board of health shall have the general care of the sanitary interests of the people of this State; they shall make sanitary investigations and inquiries respecting the causes of disease, and especially epidemics, the causes of mortality and the influence of locality, employments, habits, and other circumstances and conditions upon the health of the people; they shall inquire into and investigate all nuisances affecting the public health in any county, city or village in the State, and are authorized and empowered, by information or petition filed in the name of the board, to apply to the judges, or to any judge of the circuit court for the county in which such nuisance shall exist, or to the judge of the circuit court of Baltimore city, as the case may be, in term time or vacation, for an injunction to restrain and prevent such nuisance, no matter by whom or by what authority committed.

Ibid. sec. 4.

3. The said board shall meet quarterly in the city of Baltimore, and at such other times and places as they shall appoint, a majority to be a quorum for the transaction of business; they shall elect one of their number to be president of the board, and adopt all needful rules and regulations, subject to the provisions of this article; they shall organize, as far as practicable, in every city, village and legislative district in this State, local boards or advisory committees, to serve without pay, to assist the board in the proper 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