

to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, and a secretary, as provided in section 4; these five, together, with the attorney-general of the State, and the commissioner of health of the city of Baltimore, who shall be *ex-officio* members, shall constitute the said board of health. The persons so appointed by the governor shall hold office for four years; provided, that those first appointed shall be so classed by the governor that the term of office of two shall expire on the last day of January 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.

1888, art 43, sec. 2. 1880, ch. 483, 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 what authority committed.

Ibid. sec. 3. 1880, ch. 486, 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.