

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 cause all needful sanitary measures and precautions to be taken which the emergency may call for and which may be consistent with law, and shall be approved by the governor, said approval to be expressed in writing; and upon the application of said board, with the approval of the governor, the comptroller is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasurer in favor of the board for an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to be applied and expended under the direction of the governor and the said board of health in carrying out such needful sanitary measures and precautions.

1888, art. 43, sec. 4. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 5.

**4.** At their first meeting, or as soon as a competent and suitable person can be secured, the board shall elect a secretary who shall be an educated physician and experienced in sanitary science and who, by virtue of such election, shall be a member of the board and their executive officer. The board may elect one of their own number secretary, in which case the governor shall, with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint another member to complete the full number of the board.

Ibid sec. 5. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 6. 1898, ch. 312.

**5.** The secretary shall hold office as long as he shall faithfully discharge the duties thereof, but may be removed for just cause at a regular meeting of the board, a majority of the members voting therefor; he shall keep a record of the transactions of the board and an account of all expenditures by them; he shall, whenever necessary or practicable, correspond and consult with boards of health of other States, and with the local boards and health officers in this State, and secure an interchange of all useful sanitary information, especially respecting the causes, treatment and progress of epidemics; he shall keep on file all reports received from such boards and all correspondence relating to the duties of this board; he shall prepare blank forms of returns and such instructions as may be necessary, and forward them to the several local boards