

Repealed. ary session of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter two hundred, entitled "An act to establish a State Board of Health," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Name and style.

Term of office.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That a board is hereby established which shall be known under the name and style of the State Board of Health of Maryland; it shall consist of seven members, as follows: four members, one of whom shall be an experienced civil engineer, and three of whom shall be experienced physicians, and to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and a secretary, as provided in section five of this act; 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.

Make sanitary investigations.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That 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