

CHAPTER 329.

AN ACT to establish a State Weather Service, and to make an appropriation therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there is hereby established a State Weather Service which shall be under the control and management of the Johns Hopkins University, the Maryland Agricultural College and the United States Weather Bureau; the officers of said service shall be a director, designated by the president of the Johns Hopkins University, a secretary and treasurer designated by the President of the Maryland Agricultural College, and a Meteorologist in charge, designated by the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau; they shall be commissioned by the Governor, and be duly qualified as officers of the State. The said officers shall constitute a board of government, under the direction of the institutions from which they are appointed, and shall receive no compensation for their services as such officers.

SEC. 2. The central station and office of said services shall be at the Johns Hopkins University. The board of government shall establish, if practicable, one or more voluntary meteorological stations in each county in the State, and supervise the same, co-operating with the chief of the United States Weather Bureau for the suitable location of such stations, in order that the greatest usefulness may result to the State and national service. The said officers are authorized to print weekly and monthly reports of the results and operations of said services, and to distribute the same in such a manner as they shall deem most serviceable to the people of the State.

SEC. 3. The sum of two thousand dollars annually, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act to be paid to said officers, or to their order, by the treasurer upon the warrant of the comptroller, and upon the vouchers of the said officers; provided, however, that no part of said sum shall be paid for salaries for any officer, or officers, but a reasonable compensation may be paid for printing and other necessary and proper expenses of said officers.

SEC. 4. That said officers shall report to the Legislature at its regular sessions their expenditures under