

intelligently and humanely. In the selection of said Supervisors and in their action, in matters relating to the duties imposed upon them by law or ordinance, ecclesiastical or party ties shall not be regarded, so that the care of the poor may be entirely out of the field of political or religious differences and controversies. The duty of said Supervisors shall be to determine what sick, insane or other destitute persons are proper charges on the City, and to provide for the proper care of such persons, in so far as money may be appropriated for that purpose by the City. The Supervisors shall have the power to appoint and fix the compensation of such officials and subordinate employees as they may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the business entrusted to them, not to exceed in number of employees or aggregate amount of compensation the limit fixed by ordinance. The Supervisors shall report annually to the City upon all departments of their work, including the work of those institutions with which the City has contracted for the care of any poor persons, and they shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the Trustees of the Poor unless otherwise provided in this Article.

105. All appropriations by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the treatment, care or support of the indigent poor in institutions not owned by the City, or for dispensary treatment shall be by contract, in which the City shall agree to pay so much per capita for persons placed, treated or prescribed for in such institutions or dispensaries so contracting with the City, and in no case shall a gross sum be paid to any such institution or dispensary. Every such contract shall contain a stipulation that the City shall incur no obligation therefrom for any amount not provided for or in excess of the appropriation made for the fiscal year in carrying out such contract. No public moneys shall be paid to any institution or dispensary for the treatment, care or support of any person until the said Supervisors have determined and certified in writing that such person is a proper subject of municipal aid.

106. No appropriation shall be made or money expended for the maintenance, outside of the Almshouse or other City home, of any adult poor person or persons, except the sick,