

with amendments, and that new sections be added to said article to follow section 6, to be designated as sections 6 A, 6 B, 6 C, 6 D, 6 E, 6 F, 6 G, 6 H, 6 J, 6 K, 6 L, 6 M, 6 N, and to read as follows :

Hold office.

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 of health throughout the State ; he shall, when requested by local boards, visit their respective districts, cities or villages to investigate the cause of any existing disease, and shall, from time to time, and whenever directed by the Governor or Legislature, make special inspections of public hospitals, asylums, prisons, and other institutions, and shall, at each session of the Legislature, submit, through the board, a full report of his investigations, with such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem proper ; he shall, when required by the Governor or other proper authorities, advise in regard to the location, drainage, water supply, disposal of excrement, heating and ventilation of any public institution or building belonging to the State ; he shall collect information concerning vital statistics, prevailing diseases and the general hygiene of the State, and through an annual report and otherwise, as the board may direct, shall disseminate such information among the people ; he shall receive from the treasury, in monthly payments, an annual salary of three thousand dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the Comptroller, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Prepare the necessary methods, books and forms.

6. The secretary of the State Board of Health shall be the State Registrar of Vital Statistics for Maryland ; he shall, under the direction of the State Board of Health, prepare the necessary methods, books and forms for accurate registration of births and deaths ; and shall supply the local registrars, health officers, ministers, physicians, undertakers, midwives