

627. Upon the appointment and qualification of the State Board of Prison Control, the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary and the Board of Managers of the Maryland House of Correction shall transfer to the said State Board of Prison Control all books, accounts, records, contracts, obligations, unexpended balances and all property and things appertaining to the Maryland Penitentiary and Maryland House of Correction. From and after the appointment and qualification of the said State Board of Prison Control, the said Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary and the Board of Managers of the Maryland House of Correction shall be and the same are hereby dissolved and abolished; provided, however, that the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary and the Board of Managers of the Maryland House of Correction shall be and the same are hereby continued in existence, after the appointment and qualification of the said State Board of Prison Control, for the sole purpose of effectuating the objects and purposes of this Section.

628. The State Board of Prison Control shall have full power and control over the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction, and shall have any and all incidental powers and authority appropriate and convenient to enable the said Board to fully discharge the powers of management, control, supervision, visitation and inquisition conferred upon them by this Act. The said Board shall have power to summon witnesses before it and to administer oaths or affirmations to such witnesses whenever, in the judgment of the said Board, it may be necessary for the effectual discharge of their duties under this Act; and any person, failing to appear before said Board at the time and place specified in answer to said summons, or refusing to testify, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars; false swearing on the part of any such witness shall be deemed perjury, and shall be punished as such.

629. The title to and possession of all the property, real and personal appertaining to the Maryland Penitentiary and the Maryland House of Correction, shall vest in and be held by the State Board of Prison Control, as Trustees for the State. The said Board shall have power to purchase or otherwise acquire on behalf of the State, any real property, or interest in real property, with the consent first obtained of the Board of Public Works, that may be appropriate to the needs of said institutions, or either of them; and the said Board shall have power to purchase or otherwise acquire, on behalf of the State,