

from time to time, to advise and counsel and to aid in connection with the said survey.

SEC. 6. On the taking effect of this Act, all the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the Board of Government provided for the state Weather Service by Sections 1 to 4, inc., of Article 96A of the Annotated Code, title "Weather Service—State," said Board being composed of the President of the Johns Hopkins University, the President of the University of Maryland and the Chief of the United States Weather Bureau, shall be transferred to and thereafter be exercised and performed by the Regents of the University of Maryland, through the State Geologist, as the lawful successors to said Board of Government, to the same extent and effect as if the said Regents of the University of Maryland had been named in said sections of the law as the body upon whom the said rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions were conferred. Thereupon the said Board of Government shall cease and be at an end.

VI.

The Department of Militia.

SECTION 1. The head of the Department of Militia shall be the Adjutant General of the State, having and exercising the rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions now or hereafter conferred by law.

VII.

The Department of Welfare.

SECTION 1. The Department of Welfare is hereby established. The head of this Department shall be the Board of Welfare, consisting of the Director of the Department, who shall serve as the Chairman of the Board, and four associate members, who shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation, who shall each be not less than thirty years of age, interested and, preferably, experienced in social welfare, and at least one associate member shall be a woman. The Director and Chairman of the Board, and the associate members thereof, shall all be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, except that the appointments first made hereunder shall be made by the Governor alone on the taking effect of this Act, and these terms of office shall begin then.