

in the event of enactment of said bill, the County Welfare Boards created pursuant thereto shall be and constitute the Local Boards provided for by this Act; and in such event, the Department of Old Age Pensions and Relief provided for by this Act shall not be created, nor the Board of Old Age Pensions and Relief appointed, but all duties, powers and functions of said Department and said Board shall devolve upon and be exercised by the Board of State Aid and Charities. The Administrator of Pensions and Relief shall in such event be appointed by and subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of State Aid and Charities.

17. The Local Board of each County and the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City are charged with the execution of this Article within their respective jurisdictions. The County Commissioners of each County shall constitute the Local Board therein unless otherwise provided by this Article or by other legislation passed by the General Assembly either before or after the passage of this Act. Nothing in this Article shall be construed as preventing or prohibiting the Local Board of any County or the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City from maintaining a department or system of investigation at the exclusive expense of said County or Baltimore City as the case may be; and such expense shall in no case be a charge upon the contribution which under this Article is to be made by said County or Baltimore City, as the case may be, to the creation or maintenance of the fund out of which pensions are paid hereunder, but shall be in addition to said contribution.

18. Each year a report of the total number of applications for pensions, the number granted, the number denied, the number cancelled and the total amount expended for pensions, shall be submitted by the Local Boards and the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City to the Administrator of Pensions and Relief, who shall co-ordinate and correlate the information included in said reports and shall, after consultation with the Board of Old Age Pensions and Relief, report thereon and on the activities of the Board to the Governor. The report of each Local Board and the Department of Welfare of Baltimore City shall be submitted on or before December 1 in each year and shall cover activities during the preceding State fiscal year from October 1 to September 30 inclusive.

19. The Board of Old Age Pensions and Relief shall from time to time prescribe and promulgate rules and