

designated by the Governor to serve until June 1, 1940, and the other six appointees, respectively, until the first day of June, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 and 1946, respectively; and thereafter each member appointed shall serve for a term of seven years, or until his successor has been appointed and qualified. In case of a vacancy in the Board for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a member for the remainder of the unexpired term. The members of the Board shall receive no salary for their services as such, but their expenses incurred in attending meetings shall be paid on certificate of the Director of Public Welfare and upon warrants of the Comptroller.

3. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, co-ordinating, and directing agency of the welfare activities included within this Article, and any supplements and amendments thereto, and also of welfare activities in the fields of Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Assistance to the Needy Blind, and General Public Assistance. All of the activities of the County Boards, hereinafter provided for, and of the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City, which the State finances, in whole or in part, shall be subject to the supervision, direction and control of the State Department of Public Welfare. Said State Department shall also investigate, study and consider the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in the State, including those which receive part of their income from the State.

4. Prior to the convening of every regular session of the General Assembly the State Department of Public Welfare with the approval of the Board shall furnish to the Governor a printed report of all its activities and of the condition of all charitable institutions, organizations or agencies (including hospitals) receiving financial aid from the State; and the State Department shall further make such recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions as may seem wise and for the best interests of the State, giving the reasons for such recommendations as fully as may be practicable.

5. No member of the Board of Public Welfare nor any of the employees of the State Department of Public Welfare shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract for building, repairing or furnishing in whole or in part, or be financially interested in any contract with any institution coming under the supervision of this Department, nor shall any officer, secretary or employee of any such institution be eligible to appointment on the Board of Public Welfare.