

2A, 2B, and 3, to follow immediately after Section 1 of said Article, and to read as follows:

2. The Board of Public Welfare shall consist of nine members to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman. Upon the effective date of this Act, the Governor shall appoint two additional members of the Board, and shall arrange the terms of the members then in office and the newly appointed members so that all members shall thereafter hold office for the staggered terms of six years, the terms of three members expiring on June 1st of every second year. In case of a vacancy 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, but their expenses incurred in attending meetings or performing other official duties shall be paid on certificate of the Director of Public Welfare and upon warrant of the Comptroller.

2A. The State Department of Public Welfare shall be the central, coordinating and directing agency of all welfare activities in this State, including Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Public Assistance to the Needy Blind, General Public Assistance, Child Welfare Services, and any other welfare activities financed in whole or in part by the State or Federal Government. It shall exercise supervision, as hereinafter set forth, over all public and private institutions having the care, custody or control of dependent, delinquent, abandoned or neglected children. 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. The State Department shall also investigate, from time to time, the whole system of public and private institutions, organizations and agencies of a charitable nature in this State, including those which receive part of their income from this State, except those placed by law under the supervision of another State agency. Prior to the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly, the Department shall furnish to the Governor a report of its activities and of the condition of all charitable institutions, organizations and agencies (including hospitals) receiving financial aid from the State; and it shall make recommendations as to appropriations for such institutions, giving its reasons therefor as fully as may be practicable.