

(d) *No member of the State Board nor any of the employees of the State Department 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 agency or institution coming under the supervision of the State Department, nor shall any officer, secretary or employee of any such agency or institution be eligible for appointment on the State Board.*

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(a) The State Board shall appoint a competent person to act as the State Director of **[Public Welfare] Social Services**, and as the secretary to the State Board, who shall be paid for his services such compensation as may be provided in the budget. The State Director of **[Public Welfare] Social Services**, hereinafter referred to as the "State Director," shall be a competent person having adequate training and practical experience in social welfare work; and in making said appointment, the State Board shall be governed by Article 64A of this Code.

(b) The State Director shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office, and shall serve as the sole administrative head of the State Department, fully responsible for the appointment, under the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, of all State Department personnel. The State Director is responsible for the organization and administration of the State Department and for the supervision of local **[welfare]** departments and other agencies and institutions under the supervision of the State Department, subject to the rules and regulations established by the State Board and the State and federal laws governing **[public welfare]** *the administration of social services and public assistance.*

(c) It shall be the duty of the State Director to submit the budget estimates for the State Department to the State Board for the approval of the budget prior to submission to the Governor.

(d) The State Director may appoint such employees as a proper performance of the duties of the State Department may require, as provided from time to time in the budget. The appointment and removal of all paid personnel under this article shall be governed by the provisions of Article 64A of this Code, but in the case of the Department of **[Welfare] Social Services** of Baltimore City, Sections 108 to 122, inclusive, of Article VII of the Charter of Baltimore City, 1964 Revision, shall govern; except that, in accordance with the provisions of ~~Section~~ SECTION 48 (b) of Article VII of the said Charter, the mayor of Baltimore City shall appoint the successors to the present incumbent of the position of director of the department of **[welfare] social services** in Baltimore City when the present term of the present incumbent expires, or, if the position shall be vacated sooner by the present incumbent, from a merit system list under the provisions of the said Sections 108 to 122, inclusive, of Article VII of the said Charter of Baltimore City.

(e) *The organization, rights, powers, duties, obligations and functions of the Department of Social Services of Baltimore City as prescribed in Section 48 of Article VII of the said Charter of Baltimore City shall not be affected by this Article, except as herein provided, and said Department of Social Services in Baltimore City is hereby vested with all the rights, powers, duties, obligations, and*