

the attendance of witnesses and production of papers, books, documents and testimony. In case of the failure of any person to comply with any subpoena lawfully issued, or on refusal of any witness to testify to any matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the circuit court of any county or the judge thereof, or of either of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City or the judges thereof, or of, on application of [any member of the State Board of Health,] *the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or his designee*, to compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt. Every witness who shall appear before the *Secretary or his designee* [Board] by [its] *their* orders shall receive for his attendance the fees now provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid by the State in the same manner as other expenses are audited and paid upon the presentation of properly verified vouchers. But no witness subpoenaed at the instance of parties other than the [Board] *Secretary or his designee* shall be entitled to compensation from the State for attendance or travel unless the *Secretary or his designee* [Board] shall certify that his or her testimony was material to the matter investigated. Fees paid under this section shall be charged to the general appropriation for the *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene* [State Board of Health]. The [State Board of Health] *Secretary or his designee* may, in any investigation, cause depositions of witnesses residing within or without the State to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil actions in courts of record.

6.

The [State Board] *Commissioner* of Health of Maryland shall divide the State outside of Baltimore City into twenty-three sanitary districts following county lines, and, *with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, he* [upon the recommendation of its Director, and by a majority vote thereof, it] shall appoint a deputy State health officer for each sanitary district.

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The deputy State health officers shall be *experienced physicians having such* [trained in sanitary science and hygiene, and shall possess the same] qualifications [required of the State health officer, and] *in the field of public health as determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The deputy State health officers* shall hold their office during efficiency and good behavior, but may be removed, in the manner provided in Section 33 of Article 64A, title "Merit System." No deputy State health officer shall practice medicine or engage in any occupation which would conflict with the performance of his official duties. Each deputy State health officer shall have an office located at some accessible point designated by the [State Board of Health,] *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene*, within his sanitary district, and he shall receive such salary as [it shall be] provided in the State budget and shall also receive his expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of his official duties.

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Each deputy State health officer, under the direction of the *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Commissioner of Health*