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The [said] Commission is hereby authorized and directed to appoint six medical examiners, one to be known as chief medical examiner, one AS assistant deputy chief medical examiner, and the other four as assistant medical examiners [.,]; a toxicologist [.,]; two assistant toxicologists [.,]; a serologist [.,] ; FOUR RESIDENTS TRAINING IN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY; and a chief traffic investigator. The Commission with the approval of the Secretary of Personnel shall fix their compensation which shall be paid by the Comptroller of the State of Maryland out of [[that portion of the funds collected by the Racing Commission allocated and paid to the several counties of the State and Baltimore City]] that portion of the funds collected by the Racing Commission allocated and paid to the several counties of the State and Baltimore City [[THE GENERAL FUNDS OF THE STATE]]. The medical examiners shall be licensed doctors of medicine, and shall have had at least two years post-graduate training in pathology. The [said] Commission shall appoint, to such extent as may be authorized by the board of estimates of Baltimore City, such other professional or technical personnel, clerks and other employees as may be necessary for the proper administration of the Department and at such compensation as may be provided for by the [said] board of estimates in the ordinance of estimates of Baltimore City. [Such] THESE other professional and technical personnel and the clerks and employees shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of §§ 142 to 156, inclusive, of the Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), known as the merit system.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Commission from employing the services of physicians on a contract basis for part-time services as may be authorized by the board of estimates of Baltimore City.

7. If the cause of such death shall be established beyond a reasonable doubt, such medical examiner shall so report and file in his office within thirty days after his notification of such death. If, however, in the opinion of such medical examiner, an autopsy is necessary, the same shall be performed by the chief medical examiner, an assistant medical examiner or by such competent pathologists as may be authorized by the chief medical examiner. A detailed description of the findings written during the progress of such autopsy, and the conclusions drawn therefrom, shall thereupon be filed in the office of the chief medical examiner, or in the office of the deputy medical examiner in the county