

Article 22 - Postmortem Examiners

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(A) The 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]. The medical examiners shall be licensed doctors of medicine, and shall have had at least two years post-graduate training in pathology. The 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 board of estimates in the ordinance of estimates of Baltimore City. 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] AND AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET.

(B) THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1980 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1981 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER AN APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) 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].

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It shall be the duty of the chief medical examiner, the assistant medical examiners and the deputy medical examiners to attend to all the medical functions now devolving upon the coroners and postmortem physicians in Baltimore City, or upon coroners in the several counties of the State, and to perform all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this article.

The office of [said] chief medical examiner, and the assistant medical examiners, shall be maintained in [such] A building in Baltimore City as may be provided by the City of