

health officer, who shall be a well-educated physician. THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH SHALL APPOINT AS HEALTH OFFICER A PERSON WHO IS FULLY QUALIFIED IN EVERY RESPECT EXCEPT THAT THE REQUIREMENT THAT THIS OFFICER BE A PHYSICIAN NEED NOT APPLY. [and who] EACH HEALTH OFFICER by virtue of his appointment shall be secretary and executive officer of the local board of health, and in the event of vacancy, a successor for the unexpired term shall be appointed by the local board of health, as soon as practicable. No [such] appointment shall be made without the advice and consent of the State Board of Health. The health officer shall hold office for four years from the date of appointment, but may be removed by the State Board of Health for cause upon charges made and considered at a regular meeting of said Board. And it shall be the duty of every county health officer, district health officer, or local health officer, immediately after his appointment to appear before the State Board of Health or its accredited representative, and to make oath that he will well and truly discharge the duties of his office; provided that this section be not so construed as to prevent local boards of health from appointing [such] additional health officers or sanitary officers [as] they may deem necessary, or as may now or hereafter be allowed by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter 89 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1949) be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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The local board of health of each county may, whenever they shall deem it necessary or desirable, require that any [qualified physician] PERSON appointed by [such] THE board as county health officer shall be trained in sanitary science, public health and hygiene and [shall] MAY not, so long as he [shall hold] HOLDS that office, engage in any other occupation which would conflict with the performance of his duties as health officer. He shall have all the powers and duties which are now or may hereafter be conferred upon county health officers by law; he shall enforce all the public health statutes and rules and regulations of the State Board of Health or the local board of health, under the direct supervision and control of the local board of health, and shall perform [such] other duties and exercise [such] other functions [as] the local board of health [shall direct] DIRECTS. The local board of health may make and enter into a contract with [such] THE county health officer for [such] A period of time as may be mutually agreeable, but not longer than the terms of office of the members of [said] THE local board of health and may fix the salary of any county officer appointed subject to the provisions of this section, without regard to the provisions of § 48 of this article.

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