

district in this State, or in case of epidemics to locate any number of the deputy State health officers in any one sanitary district in this State or in the City of Baltimore; and the Commissioner, with the Secretary's approval, shall have power to appoint such inspectors, nurses and agents to aid the deputy State health officers as he may deem necessary, and pay them a reasonable compensation for their services within the limits of this appropriation.]

45.

The board of county commissioners of the several counties in this State shall, ex officio, constitute a local board of health for their respective counties and shall have and exercise all the duties of a board of health as provided in this article except in cases where the charter [of any city or town in the State contains provisions inconsistent therewith.

The foregoing exception shall not apply to rules and regulations adopted and published by the local board of health of Montgomery County. They shall be effective within all cities, towns, villages and special taxing areas within Montgomery County unless such city, town, village and special taxing area has pursuant to its charter authority adopted ordinances, rules, or regulations covering] OR ORDINANCE OF A MUNICIPALITY OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT COVERS the same subject matter [and containing], CONTAINS equal or more restrictive requirements, and [has provided] PROVIDES for the enforcement of [such ordinances, rules, or regulations] THE CHARTER PROVISION OR ORDINANCE.

[46.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the local boards of health shall each appoint in the month of May, 1931, and quadrennially thereafter, a 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. 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 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