

for such assistance to render the same. It shall furthermore be the duty of said State Board of Health to transmit such data to the Chief of the Maryland Bureau of Statistics and Information, who shall record said data and include the same and a summary thereof in his annual report.

#### State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

1904, art. 43, sec. 6. 1888, art. 43, sec. 6. 1880, ch. 438, sec. 7. 1898, ch. 312.  
1912, ch. 696, sec. 6.

7. The secretary of the State Board of Health shall be the State Registrar of Vital Statistics for Maryland. He shall under the direction of the State Board of Health prepare the necessary methods, books and forms for accurate registration of births and deaths and shall supply the local registrars, deputy local registrars, health officers, ministers, physicians, undertakers, midwives and other persons charged with any duty under this sub-title, with the proper blanks, forms and books of record. The State Registrar shall collect, permanently bind, preserve and make indices to the records of vital statistics collected by him, and shall tabulate and annually prepare a general abstract and report of the vital statistics for the preceding year so tabulated and arranged as to render them of particular utility, and shall have printed not more than one thousand copies, of which he shall forward five copies each to the Governor and the State librarian, one to each member of the General Assembly of Maryland, one to each local health officer, one to each local registrar, one to each deputy local registrar, one to the Board of Health of each State and territory of the United States, and the remainder to such departments, libraries, and persons as may seem to the State registrar entitled to the same. Such records shall be carefully preserved from loss by fire or other damage.\*

Marriages and divorces must be reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics—article 62, section 16.

Ibid. sec. 7. 1898, ch. 312, sec. 6A. 1912, ch. 696, sec. 7.

8. Health officers of the various counties shall be *ex-officio* county registrars of vital statistics. Health officers of all towns and counties shall be *ex-officio* local registrars of vital statistics, excepting in the case of incorporated cities or towns where by charter or ordinance the method of appointment of a local registrar of vital statistics is specifically designated. All county registrars, local registrars and deputy local registrars of vital statistics shall qualify by oath to perform faithfully their duties as such and all such county, local and deputy local registrars shall immediately upon their appointment and qualification notify the State registrar of vital statistics of such appointment and qualification in writing, and failure to do so after a period of ten days after the date of their qualification shall be held to vacate their office.

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\*The act of 1912, chapter 696, went into effect July 1, 1912. See the title of the act of 1912, chapter 696.