

whenever directed by the governor or legislature, make special inspections of public hospitals, asylums, prisons and other institutions, and shall, at each regular session of the legislature, submit, through the board, a full report of his investigations, with such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem proper; he shall, when required by the governor or other State authorities, advise in regard to the location, drainage, water supply, disposal of excrement, heating and ventilation of any public institution or building belonging to the State; he shall collect information concerning vital statistics, prevailing diseases and the general hygiene of the State; and through a biennial report and otherwise, as the board may direct, shall disseminate such information among the people; he shall receive from the treasury, in monthly payments, an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars, to be paid on the warrant of the comptroller, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

1880, ch 498, sec. 7.

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6. The secretary shall be the superintendent of vital statistics; he shall collect, tabulate and index these statistics, and cause the returns received by him for each annual and biennial period, to be bound together in one volume; and after he has prepared from the returns such tabular results as will render them of practical utility, he shall deposit them in the State library; and in order to secure uniformity and correctness, all State and county officers, local health authorities and other persons, charged with collecting or recording marriages, births and deaths in the State, shall quarterly, on or before the first days of January, April, July and October in each year, make true and correct returns to the said superintendent of vital statistics, who shall have the same properly transcribed in books to be kept for the purpose; and shall, in the event of an unusual mortality in any particular locality, make immediate inquiry into the same and report the results thereof to the board; for the duties imposed by this section, and to defray the necessary clerical and other expenses of his office, the superintendent of vital statistics shall receive a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars in any one year, to be adjusted by the board.

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Ibid sec. 8

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7. No member of the board, except the secretary, shall receive any compensation; but the actual personal expenses of any mem-