

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That 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 or 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 the same compensation now allowed by section nine, chapter one hundred and thirty, acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to the clerks of the several county courts, and the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, for recording marriages, births and deaths, to be paid as the salary of the secretary is paid; provided the amount so paid in any one year shall not exceed the sum of two hundred dollars.

Vital statistics.

Make true and correct returns.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That no member of the board, except the secretary, shall receive any compensation; but the actual personal expenses of any member, while engaged in the duties of the board, and such necessary expenses of the board as the Comptroller of the Treasury shall audit, on presentation of an itemized account, with vouchers, and the certificates of the board, shall be allowed and paid; provided said expenses shall not exceed, annually, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, which is hereby appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Who to receive compensation.

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