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(a)(1) At any time, the Governor may require the State Board of Health to examine nuisances or questions affecting the security of life and health in any locality in the state, and in such cases the State Board of Health shall have all the necessary powers to make those examinations. The State Board of Health shall report the results to the Governor within the limits of time which he or she shall prescribe for the examination and report to be prepared and submitted.

(2) At any time, whether an investigation is at the request of the State Board of Health, or whenever the Governor shall have directed an examination and report to be made by the State Board of Health into any alleged nuisance, any board of health of any city of the state may appoint and select any one (1) of its officers as its representative during the examination of any nuisance. This representative officer shall have a seat at and be entitled to take part in all the deliberations of the State Board of Health during the investigation but without the right to vote.

(b) When approved by the Governor, the report of the examination shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and the Governor, in relation to the matters or things found and certified by the State Board of Health to be a nuisance, may declare them to be public nuisances and order them to be changed as he or she shall direct, or be abated and removed.

(c) Any violation of an order shall be held and punished as a misdemeanor, and thereafter the Governor, by his or her order in writing which is certified under his or her official seal and directed to the officers of the county in which the nuisance shall be situated, may require the prosecuting attorney, the sheriff, and the other officers of every county to take all necessary measures to execute the order of the Governor and to have it obeyed.

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