§ 208. Deputy commissioners; appointment; qualifications and duties. 1. The commissioner shall appoint and at pleasure remove a first deputy commissioner and such other deputy commissioners as he shall deem necessary for the proper organization and general classification of the work of the department.

2. The first deputy commissioner shall be a physician licensed or eligible for license to practice medicine and surgery in this state, and who shall have been actively engaged in the practice of his profession for a period of at least five years.

3. The deputy commissioners shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the commissioner.