§ 353. Deputy county or part-county health commissioners; assistants and employees; appointment. 1. Local health officers who continue to hold office after the establishment of a county or part-county health district, pursuant to the provisions of this article, shall be deputies of the county health commissioner, who may require any such local health officer to perform within his jurisdiction any of the duties required of local health officers.

2. The county health commissioner may appoint with the approval of the board of health such additional deputies, assistant deputies and other employees as may be required to fulfill the purposes of this article in the health district and as may be authorized by the board of supervisors pursuant to the provisions of section four hundred one of the county law. Such deputies and assistant deputies and other employees shall have the qualifications prescribed in the sanitary code.

3. The county health commissioner may designate in writing a deputy, qualified in accordance with the provisions of the sanitary code, to whom shall be delegated all the powers and duties of the county health commissioner when such commissioner is unable to act by reason of absence or disability.