

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted*, That in all cases when school house sites are thus purchased or condemned, the cost thereof shall be paid by the School Commissioners as other public school property is paid for, and in cases where new school houses are required to be erected. and where a public school fund existed prior to January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, they may, at their discretion, pay out of said fund in whole or in part, the cost of such building, on the condition, however, that the interest of the amount so paid over, shall be charged to the annual account of the school or schools, occupying the building or school house erected in the manner aforesaid.

School house sites—how paid for.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That a State tax of fifteen cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property throughout the State shall be levied annually for the support of the free public schools, which tax shall be collected at the same time and by the same agent as the general State levy, and shall be paid into the Treasury of the State, to be distributed by the Treasurer to the board of School Commissioners of the city of Baltimore and the several counties in proportion to their respective population between the ages of five and twenty years, but nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the County Commissioners of the several counties of the State from levying and collecting in the same manner any additional taxes for the building of school houses, or for paying for such school houses as have been built since January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, in any school district or sub-district within the State; *provided* a majority of the votes in such district or sub-district shall so determine and require, by a majority of its voters, at either a regular or special election held for the purpose, of which election a notice of at least fifteen days shall be given by the President of the board of School Commissioners of the county, or the President of the board of County Commissioners.

State Tax of 15 cents to be levied.

Proviso.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.