

quired to return to the trustees of the said district, at such time or times as the said trustees shall direct or require, a list of such lands and the amount of taxes thereon respectively due, and the name or names of the persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same, and the said trustees shall thereupon have and exercise in relation to the said lands, all the powers which might or could be exercised by the commissioners of the tax of any county in this state, in like cases, in virtue of the act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this state, passed at the November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, chapter ninety, and the collector of any school district shall have the same powers and authority, and be subject to the same rules, regulations and duties in the premises as by law appertain to the office of collector of the county charges in like cases.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the aforesaid act for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this state, and this act, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be public and remedial acts, and shall be construed by all courts of justice according to the equity thereof, and no proceedings by the inhabitants, or of the trustees of any school district, shall be set aside or adjudged to be void for defect or form, or for any irregularity therein; *Provided*, that the requisitions of said acts, shall have been substantially complied with.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of each and every school district in said county, to report to the orphans court on or before the fifteenth day of December in each and every year, the amount of money received, the number of children educated, the amount paid to their teachers, and it shall be the duty of the trustees of primary schools in each of their respective election districts as aforesaid, annually to report to the orphans court, and said court to the legislature.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the school funds now belonging to, or which may hereafter be apportioned to the said county, shall and may be used and applied as at present, until the said county shall have been laid off into school districts, and schools shall have been established in at least three of said districts; *Provided always*, that whenever and as soon as any one or more of the election districts, shall have been laid off into school districts, and organized agreeable to law, it shall be the duty of the orphans court on being notified thereof, by the trustees of such district or districts, to distribute to such trustees a fair proportion of the school funds, belonging or assignable to said county.