

the preceding section, among the several election districts in said county, as nearly as may be, according to the territorial extent of said election district respectively; and as soon as the said funds shall have been received by the said orphans court, the said court shall distribute and pay over the same to the order of the district school commissioners herein after mentioned.

Pay over to school commissioners. **Annual election of school commissioners.** **Separate ballot.** **Certify result to the orphans court.**

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That at the general election in October next, and annually thereafter, the voters in each election district in said county shall or may ballot for five persons, residents in such district, to be district school commissioners, for purposes mentioned in this act; and the five persons so voted for, having received the greatest number of ballots in an election district, [shall be district school commissioners for said district,*] for and during the space of twelve months next thereafter; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said county to provide for each election district a separate ballot-box, for which he shall be reasonably compensated, at the expense of the county, in which box the ballots given for district school commissioners shall be deposited by the judges of election; and it shall be the duty of the said judges in each of said districts to count the ballots given in such districts, and certify the result of such election of district school commissioners annually to the orphans court.

* The words in brackets are omitted in the engrossed bill.

Meeting of school commissioners. **Their duties.** **Distribute moneys.** **Limitations** **Conditions, &c.**

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That in each election district in said county, said district school commissioners shall, in every year, in the month of July, on each one of the two last days in said month, (exclusive of Sundays,) meet at the usual place of holding the polls; and the said district school commissioners, or such of them as shall then and there attend, shall proceed to ascertain the number and condition of the schools in said district, and the names and character of the several teachers who shall have been engaged in conducting said schools; and the said district school commissioners, so met as aforesaid, and a majority of those so met, may act for and in the name of all, shall distribute, by means of their joint drafts on the said orphans court, the said election district's share of school moneys then distributable among the several teachers who shall have been keeping school in said district within the six months next preceding such meeting; and said distribution shall be in such sums or portions, equal or unequal, as said district school commissioners may deem to be right and proper, not exceeding, to any one teacher, the rate of fifteen dollars per month; *And it is hereby provided,* that no teacher shall receive any portion of said money unless he shall sustain, in the judgment of a respectable number of the patrons of the school he has