

then it shall be the duty of the commissioners for Saint Mary's county, at their first regular meeting, or at any special meeting thereafter, to appoint one or more persons as the case may be, friendly to the cause of primary schools, residents of the respective election districts where such vacancy occurs, who shall in their stead act as commissioners of primary schools.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees of the respective school districts, as soon as they shall have qualified by taking an oath, or affirmation, that they will well and truly perform the duties of trustee, shall procure by purchase, gift, or donation, a sufficient lot, or parcel of land, at or near the central situation selected by the commissioners, and in case it should be necessary, they are hereby empowered to condemn a lot of land not exceeding one acre, for the purpose of erecting a good and substantial school-house, suitable to the present and prospective wants of the district, and for the purpose of building such school-house, they are authorized to receive contributions and subscriptions from well-disposed persons, and to draw for any sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, on the commissioners for Saint Mary's county, who are hereby required to pay over the said amount to the trustees, or their order, of any school district, as soon as they shall have certified to them (the commissioners) that such lot of land has been acquired and secured to them and their successors in office, by a good and sufficient deed, to be recorded as other deeds are, and a school-house erected thereon in compliance with the requisitions of this act, and that at least fifty dollars have been received, or guaranteed from other sources.

Directions to trustees.

Lot for school-house.

Receive contributions.

Draw on commissioners \$150.

Pre-requisites.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners for Saint Mary's county, be, and they are hereby substituted for and invested with all the powers of the commissioners of the free school fund of Saint Mary's county, and the treasurer of the western shore, is hereby required to pay over to the said commissioners for Saint Mary's county, or to their order, annually, such proportion of the school fund as said county may be entitled to receive.

County commissioners substituted for commissioners of free school fund.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of the free school fund of Saint Mary's county, be, and they are hereby required to deliver and pay over to the commissioners for Saint Mary's county, all their papers, books, accounts, and money, of which the sum of two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to the purposes of this act, and the residue to be applied to the education of poor children, for the present year only as heretofore.

Delivery over of books and papers.

\$2,000 appropriated.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees so appointed, to manage the concerns of their respective school districts, keep in repair and properly furnish the

Duties of trustees.