

school-houses, and to employ some person of correct moral deportment and well qualified and competent to teach the elementary branches of an English education, such as spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar and geography, as a teacher for said school districts respectively.

Apportion-
ment of
school funds

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of Saint Mary's county, shall annually hereafter apportion the sum they shall be entitled to receive from the treasurer of the western shore, under this act, equally among the several school districts who shall have substantially complied with the provisions of this act, and they are hereby authorized to pay over such distributive share to the trustees of any school district, whenever such trustees shall certify to them, that they have employed a teacher qualified as above mentioned, and kept their school open for at least six months of such year, free for the instruction of all white children in such district; *Provided*, nothing herein contained shall prevent the trustees of any school district from dismissing any pupil from said school, for misbehaviour.

Payment
directed.

Quorum.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That a majority of the commissioners of primary schools, of any election district, and also a majority of the trustees of any school district, shall be competent to transact any business or duty devolved upon them by this act.

Case of
vacancy of
school com-
missioners

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners for Saint Mary's county, be, and they are hereby empowered to fill by appointment of some qualified person or persons, any vacancy or vacancies occurring at any time hereafter in the commissioners of primary schools, from death, resignation, refusal to serve, or removal from the district, and the commissioners of primary schools are hereby likewise empowered, to fill by appointment of some qualified person or persons, any vacancy or vacancies occurring at any time, by death, resignation, refusal to serve, or removal out of the school district, in the trustees of any school district in their respective election districts, and it shall be the further duty of said commissioners of primary schools, at least once a year if not oftener, to visit and inspect the condition of the schools in their respective election districts, and to report annually to the county commissioners, on or before the first day of January, in each and every year, the condition of the several schools in their respective election districts, and the number of pupils taught therein, together with such remarks, suggestions and recommendations, as they shall in their judgment think conducive to the interest and promotion of education in their respective districts, and the said commissioners for Saint Mary's county, are hereby required to report to the legislature annually, on or

Case of
vacancy of
trustees.

Visit of
inspection.

Annual re-
port to
county com-
missioners.