

shall be by them distributed among the several election districts in due proportion to the white population in each district.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners for Montgomery county, shall on the first Monday in April next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, and annually afterwards, appoint three competent citizens in each election district of said county as managers of schools in said district, and in case the persons so appointed, or any of them, shall refuse to serve, or die, or remove from the district, or otherwise become incapable of serving, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the said commissioners at their next ensuing meeting, and each of the said managers, before he enters upon the duties of the office, and within fifteen days after the notification of his appointment by the commissioners, shall take and subscribe the following oath before some justice of the peace of said county, viz: I do solemnly and sincerely swear or affirm (as the case may be) that I will in all things, to the best of my knowledge and ability, well and truly execute the trust reposed in me, as one of the managers of schools for Montgomery county, without prejudice or partiality; which oath shall be filed in the office of the commissioners for Montgomery county, before such managers shall proceed to execute the duties assigned them.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said school managers of the several districts, shall meet in general meeting, which shall assemble at Rockville on the third Monday in July, and the third Monday in January, every year, and oftener if they should think proper, and the said managers, when so assembled, or a majority of those who may be then present, shall determine in what manner the said school moneys shall be applied and distributed in each election district, for the most effectual dissemination of instruction in common schools, for the benefit of all children requiring instruction, always giving the preference however to the poor and the children of the most needy, including in the distribution so to be made of said funds, a provision for such books and stationery as may be necessary for the poor, and if any surplus remains over and above the amount that may be required as aforesaid, the same shall be applied towards assisting the patrons of the several schools in compensating the teachers.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said managers shall be entitled to retain out of said funds a per diem allowance of two dollars each, for each day's attendance at the stated meetings aforesaid, and such further sum as may be required to provide blank books for the use of the managers.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the managers of each district shall draw their orders upon the county commissioners for the payment of all allowances that may be made by said

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