

same among the school districts of the county, in proportion to the number of children between the ages of five and eighteen years, living in such districts.

279. The free white male inhabitants of each school district, who shall be qualified to vote therein for members of the General Assembly, shall annually elect three trustees of the primary schools for the several districts.

280. The time and place of holding such elections shall be designated by the inspectors of primary schools, in the manner directed by section 272 of this article.

281. The trustees shall hold their offices until the annual election of trustees next succeeding, and all vacancies in said office (unless filled by special election, directed by said trustees, by giving ten days' notice thereof) shall be filled by the inspectors of primary schools.

282. Any person who shall be duly elected or appointed trustee as aforesaid, who shall refuse to accept said office, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars, to be recovered in the name of the inspectors of primary schools; or in the name of any other person, before a justice of the peace of the county, for the use of the said inspectors.

283. Any person who shall be duly appointed or elected such trustee, who shall have accepted or failed to declare his refusal to accept said office, and who shall neglect the performance of the duties thereof, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

284. The said trustees shall and may hold any property which may be vested in them, for the use and benefit of their school; and such property, whether real or personal, shall be to them and their successors in office, in the same manner as if they were a body corporate.

285. They may erect school houses, or rent houses suitable for the purpose, and keep the same in repair, purchase fuel and stationery for the use of the same, and may permit any of said school houses to be used for public worship.