

number of children attending said schools regularly shall exceed forty.

47. All moneys received by the county commissioners from the treasury for the use of primary schools, shall be divided by said commissioners annually, on the first day of January, equally amongst the several school districts of said county which shall have complied with the provisions of this article; and all moneys, so divided, shall be paid by them to the trustees of the several school districts in said county, whose receipts therefor shall be good and sufficient evidence of such payments.

48. The taxable inhabitants of every school district in the county shall meet annually, on the first Monday of May, at the school houses in their respective districts, and elect three trustees and a clerk for such district; the said meetings shall be called to order at nine o'clock in the morning, or as soon thereafter as the taxables shall assemble; the trustees and clerks shall be elected by ballot; the balloting shall be continued until twelve o'clock in the day, and the persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected, and the clerk of the district, as soon as conveniently may be thereafter, shall transmit to the county commissioners a copy of the proceedings of such meetings.

49. If, from any cause whatever, a meeting shall not be held in any district on the said first Monday of May, the clerk of said district shall call a district meeting by giving ten days' notice thereof, by advertisement set up at the most public places in such district.

50. The trustees in any district may, in their discretion, call a district meeting, notice thereof being given as directed in the preceding section, and no district meeting shall be deemed illegal for defect or want of due notice, unless the omission be wilful or designed.

51. The clerk and trustees in each school district shall hold their offices until the annual meeting of such district next following the time of their election, and until a new election shall have been made; and in case of a vacancy in any of said offices by death, refusal to serve, removal out of the district, or incapacity of any such officer, and such vacancy shall not be supplied by the district at a special or other district meeting within on: