

Appoint committee to divide.

Proviso.

To make accurate description of districts.

May change boundaries.

Description to be record'd

Employ a surveyor.

SEC. 6. In all cases where the county has not been properly divided into school districts, and full records of the boundaries thereof have not been made and recorded, the Board of County School Commissioners shall appoint a committee if, in their opinion, they deem it necessary, consisting of three persons of intelligence and sound judgment, who shall divide the county into suitable school districts, define and describe the boundaries of each; *provided*, that no school district shall contain a greater area than four miles square, unless a part of it be located in a thinly settled region. In the formation of the school districts, the committee shall take into consideration the most suitable site for the school-house, the general features of the country, and shall make each school district of such size and form as will best accommodate the population within its bounds. The committee shall make an accurate description of the bounds of the school districts, accompanied by a plat, and shall report the same to the Board of County School Commissioners, who shall thereupon give notice in all the newspapers of the county at what time they will meet to hear applications for a change of boundaries, which applications shall be made in writing, and within two months from the date of the first publication of such notice. When the application shall have been made and considered, the Board of County School Commissioners may then change the boundaries of school districts and revise the description; or they may, without application, make such change as may be deemed important, or they may ratify and confirm the report of the committee. The description of the boundaries of school districts shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose by the Secretary of the Board of County School Commissioners. In those counties where no newspaper is published, the notice of application for a change of boundaries shall be published in such a manner as the Board of County School Commissioners may decide. Whenever it may be necessary the Board of County School Commissioners shall employ a Surveyor to aid the committee in the performance of such duty, and they shall allow the Surveyor such compensation for his services as may be just and