

CHAPTER VII.—*Schools.*

Designation. SECTION 1. The schools under the charge of the Board of County School Commissioners for each county, shall respectively be designated school number one, two, three and so forth, of their respective election districts.

Time shall be kept open. SEC. 2. In every school-house district in each county, established as hereinafter provided, there shall be kept for ten months in each year if possible, one or more schools, according to population, which shall be free to all white youths over six and under twenty-one years of age.

Branches to be taught. SEC. 3. In every district school there shall be taught orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States and good behavior, algebra, book-keeping, natural philosophy, the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Maryland, and the history of Maryland, vocal music, drawing, physiology, the laws of health, domestic economy, shall also be taught; whenever the Board of District School Trustees shall deem it expedient, and in districts where there is a considerable German population, the Board of County School Commissioners are authorized to cause the German language to be taught if they shall think proper so to do.

Assistant may be employed. SEC. 4. Whenever a school numbers more than fifty children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the Board of County School Commissioners; and for every additional forty children one teacher may be appointed, and the Board of County School Commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils so as to form a graded school.

May grade schools. SEC. 5. Whenever the number of children attending school in any school district is greater than one hundred, then the Board of County School Commissioners may, with the consent of the Board of District School Trustees, establish schools of different grades, or the school district may be divided; and whenever the average attendance in any school for any two consecutive terms is less than ten pupils, then the