

said schools may be closed by the Board of County ^{May close} School Commissioners; *provided*, that the Board of ^{schools.} District School Trustees may keep the school open in part at the expense of the district, and shall receive their proportion of the school fund for said school rating a full school at twenty scholars.

SEC. 6. Public examinations shall be held in each ^{Examinati'ns} school twice a year, of which due notice shall be given, that parents and others interested in education may attend.

SEC. 7. Schools shall be kept open each week day ^{Hours for} except Saturday, for six hours, and the hours for ^{teaching.} teaching shall be regulated by the several Boards of County School Commissioners.

SEC. 8. Any person who shall disturb any public ^{Penalty for} school in session, shall, upon conviction thereof be ^{disturbing.} deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars, to be collected as other fines, to be paid to the Board of District School Trustees for the benefit of the school-house district; or said offender shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the Justice of the Peace.

SEC. 9. The school year shall be divided into four ^{Terms.} terms, which shall be designated the fall term, winter term, spring term, and summer term, and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the Board of County School Commissioners; *provided*, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirtieth day of September, inclusive, of each and every year; and, *provided further*, that there shall be ^{Proviso.} no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacations set forth and established in the following paragraph. The month of August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz: Thanksgiving day, from ^{Holidays.} Christmas Eve to the first day of January inclusive, Washington's birthday, the fourth day of July, from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter inclusive, and the Monday of Whitsuntide; and the remaining month of vacation shall be fixed and de-