

May, next ensuing, six persons, at least two of whom shall be from the political party which at the last preceding election for Governor received next to the highest number of votes, said minority representation of at least two members as aforesaid to be continued thereafter, to be members of the State Board of Education, two of whom shall hold office for a term of four years from the first Monday in May next succeeding their appointment and until their successors shall qualify; the Governor shall, at the time of making said appointment, designate the term of years of each of said members when first appointed under this Article; the term of office of said members, after the expiration of the term for which first appointed, shall be a term of six years, and to take the places of the members of said board whose terms of office shall so expire, the Governor shall, every two years after the passage of this Act, before the first Monday in May in such years, appoint two persons as members of said board to serve for terms of six years from the first Monday in May next succeeding their appointment and until their successors shall qualify; said persons shall be of high character, integrity and capacity; these six members, together with the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Education, shall constitute the State Board of Education, but principals of the State Normal Schools and of the Normal Department of any School or college under the control of the State Board of Education whose certificates are recognized by it shall be *ex-officio* honorary members of this board, but with no vote. In case of a vacancy by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the Governor shall fill such vacancies.

*Ex-officio* honorary members.

7. The Board of District School Trustees shall be composed of three persons, residents of the school district and county where said school may be located, who shall be appointed by the County School Commissioners on the first day of May, or at their first meeting thereafter, which must be held during the month of May, in each year, and who shall meet within thirty days after their appointment and enter upon the duties assigned them in Chapter 5 of this Article; at their first meeting they shall appoint a chairman and shall give notice of their appointment to the secretary of the Board of County School Commissioners; when the trustees appoint a principal teacher, and the appointment shall be confirmed by the Board of County School Commissioners, the said principal teacher shall be *ex-officio* secretary of the Board of District Trustees; District School Trustees shall take and subscribe the oath or

District school trustees.

To take oath of office.