

100. A State tax of fifteen cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property throughout the State shall be levied annually for the support of free public schools, which tax shall be collected at the same time and by the same agents as the general State levy, and shall be paid into the Treasury of the State, to be distributed by the Treasurer to the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Baltimore and the several counties.

State school tax.

103. On the first day of January, the fifteenth day of March, the fifteenth day of June, and the first day of October, in each year, the Comptroller shall apportion the amount of school tax received by the Treasurer among the several counties and the City of Baltimore, in proportion to the whole amount apportioned to each by the Comptroller; and he shall notify the State Board of Education and the Treasurer of the several Boards of County School Commissioners of the counties and the City of Baltimore, on the several days aforesaid; and the Treasurer shall pay the several amounts within ten days after said notification, upon the draft of the president and secretary of the several Boards of County School Commissioners aforesaid; provided, also, that if in any county the schools shall be kept open less than nine months of the year ending December 31, or any white teacher regularly employed receiving an annual salary of less than three hundred dollars, as hereinbefore provided for, the Comptroller shall withhold from said county the March instalment of the State school tax; that the provisions of Section 103 of this Act shall apply to Garrett County only in so far as to oblige that county to keep its schools open seven and one-half months, and pay its teachers a minimum salary of two hundred dollars per year.

To apportion school tax among counties and Baltimore.

Applies to Garrett County.

104. In making the apportionments required by the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to equalize as far as may be possible the sums to be apportioned, so as to apportion and distribute the same amount, as far as may be practicable, on each of said days; and until otherwise expressly directed by law, the Comptroller shall charge to said fund and pay therefrom the annual appropriations that have been or may hereafter continue to be made for said State Normal School, and also the appropriation for the Colored Normal School, the salary of the State Superintendent of Public Education, the salary of the clerk of the State Superintendent of Public Education, and the expenses of the State Board of Education.

Equalizing funds.