

**CHAP. 296.** assessments of the last preceeding county tax, excepting nevertheless, the property assessed to and actually owned by free negroes.

**Power to vote tax**

**SEC. 6.** *And be it enacted,* That the inhabitants of any and every school district, in said county, so as aforesaid qualified, assembled at any legal district meeting, shall and may have power to vote a tax on the assessable property in said district, for payment of the salary of a teacher in said district, or by contribution.

**Power of trustees over lands**

**SEC. 7.** *And be it enacted,* That where any land, in any school district in said county, may become charged for the payment of any school tax, and the collector of the tax can find no personal property in said district liable for or chargeable with the payment of the same, the said collector shall be and he is hereby directed and required to return to the trustees of said district, at such time or times as said trustees shall require or direct, a list of such lands and the amount of taxes thereon respectively due, and the names of the persons respectively chargeable with the payment of the same, and the said trustees shall thereupon have and exercise in relation to said lands, all the powers which might or could be exercised by the commissioners of the tax of any county in this State, in like cases, in virtue of the act for the more effectual collection of the county charges in the several counties of this State, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, chapter ninety; and the collector of said school district shall have the same powers and authority, and be subject to the same rules, regulations and duties in the premises, as by law appertain to the office of the collector of the county charges in like cases.

**Power of collectors**

**To be a public & remedial act**

**SEC. 8.** *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid act for the public instruction of youth in primary schools throughout this State, and this act, be and the same are hereby declared to be public and remedial acts, and shall be construed by all courts of justice according to the equity thereof, and no proceedings of the inhabitants or of the trustees of any school district, shall be set aside or adjudged to be void for defect of form, or

**How to be construed**