his whole time to the duties of his office, and in every way conserve the interests and promote the efficiency of the public schools of the State; the state superintendent shall also be the secretary of the state board of education.

1906, ch. 356, 1908, ch. 494.

The state superintendent of public education, subject to confirmation by the state board of education, shall on or before the 31st day of July in each year appoint a competent person to be known as assistant superintendent of public education, who shall serve for one year, unless removed as hereinafter provided, and who shall receive a salary of \$2,000 per annum, to be paid from the appropriation for public schools, and shall receive no additional pay for any services said board may require; the said assistant so appointed shall act for and in the name of the superintendent in such branches of his office and field work as shall or may, in the discretion of said superintendent, be committed to him; and faithfully and efficiently perform such duties as may be required of him by either the superintendent or the state board of education; and the said assistant superintendent shall be subject to removal by the superintendent, with the approval of the state board of education, at any time for inefficiency or misconduct in office; provided. however, that the reason for such dismissal must be submitted to him in writing.

Chapter 4. County School Commissioners.

1904, art. 77, sec. 21. 1888, art. 77, sec. 18. 1872, ch. 377. 1888, ch. 58, 1890, ch. 268. 1892, ch. 341. 1902, ch. 225. 1904, ch. 584.

22. The board of county school commissioners shall meet for organization on the first Tuesday in May next succeeding their appointment, or as soon thereafter as may be, and elect a person, not a member of the board, who shall serve as secretary and treasurer of the board of county school commissioners and county superintendent of public education, and notice of such election, signed by the president of the board, shall be transmitted to the comptroller; the person thus elected as secretary, treasurer and county superintendent shall enter upon his duties the first day of August next ensuing after his election; in counties having more than eighty-five schools the board may, at their discretion, appoint a clerk and fix his salary; the board shall meet at least once in every school term, and at other times, if necessary, for the transaction of business; each commissioner shall receive as an annual salary the sum of one hundred dollars, and he shall make no further charge or charges for any services rendered.

Where the board of county school commissioners is legislated out of office, the term of office of their secretary and treasurer, though employed for a period not yet expired, ends with the appointment of his successor by the new board. Duer v. Dashiell, 91 Md. 665.

The legislature is careful in this section to declare that the power given belongs not to the individuals, but to the corporation. School Commissioners v. Goldsborough, 90 Md. 203.

Cited but not construed in Ash v. McVey, 85 Md. 126. See sec. 6 and notes; also, sections 36 and 37.