

board in charge of the school house, may refuse all future applications for the wider use of the property until such injury is repaired, without expense to the board in charge of the property. It shall be the duty of the person or persons making application for the use of a school house for a public meeting, to place the said school house after said meeting in as clean a condition as it was before said meeting, and any failure upon the part of said person or persons to whom permission has been granted to hold a meeting to place said school house after said meeting in as clean a condition as it was when said school house was turned over to said person or persons for said meeting will warrant said school authorities in refusing to allow any further use of said school house to the same parties.

Chapter 6. School Houses and Sites.

1904, art. 77, sec. 38. 1888, art. 77, sec. 34. 1872, ch. 377. 1912, ch. 532.

39. When the lands shall be required for the site of a school house, or for enlarging a school house lot, or for play grounds or other school purposes, and the Board of County School Commissioners shall from any cause be unable to contract with the owner or owners thereof upon what it deems to be a fair valuation thereof, the Board of County School Commissioners may apply for a writ of *ad quod damnum* to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, who shall forthwith issue the same and the sheriff shall execute the said writ and return an inquisition describing the land and stating the amount of damages to be paid to the owner; and the judge of the Circuit Court for the county may, at any time after the return of the inquisition, in term or during recess, hear a motion to confirm such inquisition, on such notice to the parties as he may direct, and confirm or quash the same; and if he quashes the inquisition, he shall order a new one forthwith to be taken; but no lot so taken or enlarged shall exceed, in the whole, five acres, including the land occupied by the school building; provided, that the repeal and re-enactment of this section shall in no wise affect any proceedings begun and pending at the date of its passage, but any such proceedings shall be controlled by the law as it existed at the time of its institution thereof.

Chapter 7. Schools.

Ibid, sec. 42. 1888, art. 77, sec. 38. 1872, ch. 377. 1914, ch. 480.

43. In every school house district in each county, established as hereinbefore provided there shall be kept for ten months in each year if possible one or more schools, according to population which shall be free to all white youths over six and under twenty-one years of age, provided the Board of County School Commissioners in each county may close all schools in any school district when they deem it best so to do, except such schools as are exempt from consolidation and closing under Section 25.