schools of any county or city shall be exempt from State, county or local tax.

See notes to this section in volume 2 of the Annotated Code.

- 1904, art. 77, sec. 24. 1888, art. 77, sec. 21. 1872, ch. 377. 1900, ch. 520. 1904, ch. 584. 1914, ch. 480. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 25.
- 25. The county superintendent of schools shall be the executive officer, the secretary and treasurer of the county board of education. He shall attend all meetings of the board and of its committees, except when his own tenure, salary, or the administration of his office are under consideration, and shall have the right to advise on any question under consideration, but shall have no right to vote.

The court declined to interfere with a consolidation of schools—see notes to sections 11 and 43. School Commissioners v. Morris, 123 Md. 400. See notes to this section in volume 2 of the Annotated Code.

1916, ch. 506, sec. 25A.

25A. The county board of education shall to the best of its ability cause the provisions of this Article, the by-laws, and the policies of the state board of education to be carried into effect. Subject to this Article, and to the by-laws, and the policies of the state board of education, the county board of education shall determine, with and on the advice of the county superintendent, the educational policies of the county and shall prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the schools.

1916, ch. 506, sec. 25B.

25B. The county board of education shall exercise, through its executive officers, the county superintendent, and his professional assistants, control and supervision over the public school system of the county. The board shall consult and advise, through its executive officer and his professional assistants, with the boards of district trustees, principals, teachers and interested citizens, and shall seek in every way to promote the interests of the schools under their jurisdiction.

1916, ch. 506, sec. 25C.

25°C. The county board of education shall divide the county into appropriate school districts, shall keep full records of the boundaries thereof, and shall locate and maintain schools, as needed, within each district. They are authorized and empowered with the approval of the state superintendent of schhools, to purchase grounds school sites or buildings, or to sell the same; to rent, repair, improve and construct school buildings, or approve contracts for so doing, when the plans conform to the rules and regulations of the state board of education, and are approved by the state superintendent of schools, as provided for in section 20 of this Article. They shall employ an architect or architects on the recommendation of the county superintendent of schools to assist in the preparation of plans and specifications for remodelling old build-