

ing, the charges against him, and upon giving to him an opportunity of being heard, in person or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. In case of vacancy due to any cause, the county board of education shall fill the vacancy and the appointment shall be for a full term of four years, and until a successor shall qualify.

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

1916, ch. 506, sec. 72A.

**72A.** The county superintendent of schools, as the executive officer of the county board of education, shall see that the laws relating to the schools, the enacted and published by-laws and the policies of the State board of education and the rules and regulations and the policies of the county board of education are carried into effect.

1916, ch. 506, sec. 72B.

**72B.** The county superintendent of schools shall explain the true intent and meaning of the school laws, and of the by-laws of the State board of education, subject to the approval in writing of the state superintendent of schools; he shall decide, without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes involving the rules and regulations of the county board of education and the proper administration of the public school system in the county, and his decision shall be final, except that an appeal may be had to the State superintendent of schools if taken in writing within thirty days. The county superintendent of schools shall have authority to administer oaths and to examine under oath, in any part of the county, witnesses in any matter pertaining to the public schools of the county, and to cause the examination to be reduced to writing. Any person, who, having been sworn or affirmed by him to tell the truth, and who wilfully gives false testimony, shall be guilty of perjury.

1916, ch. 506, sec. 72C.

**72C.** The county superintendent of schools shall recommend for condemnation school buildings which are unsanitary and unfit for use; he shall recommend all repairs, the purchase of grounds, school sites and buildings, or the sale of the same, and shall prepare or cause to be prepared all plans and specifications for the remodelling of old buildings, and the construction of new buildings, subject to the provisions of section 20 of this Article; and he shall recommend, in his discretion, to the county board of education, an architect or architects to assist in the preparation of the plans and specifications for remodelling old buildings or the construction of new buildings, and shall supervise such remodelling and construction. He shall approve in writing all contracts of whatever kind entered into by the county board of education, and no contract entered into by the county board of education shall be valid without the written approval of the county superintendent of schools.