

An. Code, sec. 34B. 1914, ch. 461. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 34B.

66. The trustees of any schools, or the county board of education may provide for the free and gratuitous use of school houses for such other civic, social and recreational activities, as in their opinion do not interfere with the principal use of the said school buildings or properties.

An. Code, sec. 34C. 1914, ch. 461. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 34C.

67. The person or persons making application for the use of a school house for a public meeting, shall be responsible for all damage to the property occurring at such meeting, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and upon failure of the person or persons to respond in damages for any such injury to the property, the county board of education or the district board of school trustees 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 place, 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.

1918, ch. 203, sec. 1. 1924, ch. 226.

68. The county school superintendents of Maryland be, and are hereby authorized to enlarge the usefulness and increase the efficiency of public property by allowing the use of public school houses for farmers' meetings, public speakings, lectures, entertainments, church festivals, Red Cross meetings, Y. M. C. A. meetings, meetings and entertainments of the American Legion and any other purposes which are for the civic welfare.

An. Code, sec. 34D. 1918, ch. 203, sec. 2.

69. The said public school houses are to be used for said purposes only on the condition and after written application is made to the county school superintendent having jurisdiction, and that said application is signed by at least three of the reputable and responsible citizens and tax-payers of the county in which said school house is located.

Said school houses are to be used for said purposes only at such times as there are no regular or special school sessions in progress.

An. Code, sec. 35. 1904, sec. 34. 1888, sec. 30. 1872, ch. 377. 1916, ch. 506, sec. 35.

70. No new school house district shall be formed containing less than fifty children between the ages of 6 and 14 years; nor shall any new school house district be formed if any one of the old districts affected has, after the formation of the new school house district, less than fifty children between the ages of 6 and 14 years, except in such unusual instances as may be approved by the state superintendent of schools.