

which they were originally appointed, and until their successors qualify, unless removed, as hereinafter provided, and shall also be eligible for re-appointment; and provided, further, that all county superintendents of schools shall be paid, beginning with the school year 1922-1923, on the basis of the salaries hereinafter specified. The salary of the county superintendent of schools shall not be diminished during his term of office. The county superintendent of schools shall devote his entire time to public school business and shall receive such compensation as the county board of education shall direct, provided that no county superintendent of schools appointed to office under the provisions of this section, or continuing in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and if the county has less than one hundred and fifty teachers in all the schools, the county superintendent of such county may be paid, in the discretion of the county board of education, an annual salary up to and including two thousand nine hundred and forty dollars (\$2,940); and in any county having one hundred and fifty teachers but less than two hundred teachers in all the schools, the county superintendent of such county shall in no case be paid an annual salary of less than two thousand nine hundred and forty dollars (\$2,940); and if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than three thousand two hundred and forty dollars (\$3,240); and, if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of seven years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than three thousand five hundred and forty dollars (\$3,540); and in any county having two hundred teachers or more in all the schools, the county superintendent of such county shall in no case be paid an annual salary of less than three thousand five hundred and forty dollars (\$3,540); and if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than three thousand eight hundred and forty dollars (\$3,840); and, if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of seven years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than four thousand one hundred and forty dollars (\$4,140); and the State of Maryland shall, as hereinafter provided, pay out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the county board of education, two-thirds of the annual salary of the county superintendent of schools as provided for in this section; provided that salaries paid to county superintendents beyond two thousand nine hundred and forty dollars (\$2,940) shall be shared in by the State only when the superintendent has met the full requirements in academic and professional training, namely, graduation from a standard college or university plus one graduate year's work in education at a recognized university, including public school administration, supervision, and methods of teaching. County boards of education may, in their discretion, pay to a county superintendent an annual salary in excess of the