if such teacher holds a first grade certificate of the first class and has taught in the public schools for colored children in the State of Maryland for a period of three years, such teacher shall receive a salary of not less than seventy dollars (\$70) per month; provided, further, if such teacher hold a first grade certificate of the first class and has taught in the public schools for colored children in the State of Maryland for a period of five years, such teacher shall receive a salary of not less than seventy-five dollars (\$75) per month; and provided, further, if such teacher holds a first grade certificate of the first class and has taught in the public schools for colored children in the State of Maryland for a period of eight years, such teacher shall receive a salary of not less than eighty-five dollars (\$85) per month.

All elementary school teachers and principals in colored schools employed on provisional certificates may be paid five dollars (\$5) per month less than the foregoing schedule requires, and in any county such teachers and principals shall be paid at least five dollars (\$5) per month less than shall be paid in such counties to fully qualified elementary school teachers and principals in colored schools.

The board of county commissioners of each county shall levy sufficient funds to meet the scale of salaries provided for in this section; and the salary of no elementary school teacher or principal regularly employed in the colored schools at the time this section (as re-enacted in 1922) goes into effect shall be diminished by reason of any of its provisions, but every teacher and principal shall be entitled to any increase in salary that may herein be granted from the time this section (as re-enacted in 1922) goes into effect.

All salaries as hereinbefore set forth in this section shall be reduced for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1935, and ending August 31, 1936, and for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1936, and ending August 31, 1937, in accordance with the following annual salary scale of reductions, any and all other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding.

Salaries under \$1,200 shall be reduced by 10%.

All provisions of this section creating any salary increase because of length of teaching experience due to employment during one or more years between September 1, 1932, and August 31, 1936, are suspended and non-operative for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1935, and ending August 31, 1936, and for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1936, and ending August 31, 1937, any and all other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 203, 1920, ch. 118, sec. 132B, 1922, ch. 382, sec. 132B, 1933, ch. 224, sec. 203, 1935, ch. 477, sec. 203.

203. No teacher regularly employed in an approved high school for colored children in the State of Maryland shall receive a salary of less than eighty dollars (\$80) per month; provided, that if such teacher holds a high school teacher's certificate of the first class and has taught in an