

be made in writing and within two months from the date of the first publication of such notice; when the applications shall have been made and considered, the board of school commissioners may then change the boundaries of the school districts, and revise the description, or they may, without application, make such change as may be deemed important, or they may ratify and confirm the report of the committee without alteration; the description of the boundaries of the school districts shall be recorded in the Journal of the school commissioners, or in a book kept for that purpose in their office; in those counties where no newspaper is published, the notice of application for change of boundaries shall be published in the newspapers of the adjoining county; whenever it may be necessary, the board of school commissioners shall employ a surveyor to aid the committee in dividing the county; and they shall allow each member of the committee and the surveyor such compensation for his services as may be just and proper; they shall report the entire cost of dividing the county and the publication of the notices aforesaid to the county commissioners, who shall levy the amount as other county expenses are levied, and shall pay the same to the treasurer of the board of school commissioners, by whom it shall be paid to the parties to whom it may be due; if a county has already been divided into school districts, which it may be necessary to revise, the board of school commissioners shall have full power to make such revisions or alterations as may be necessary to accommodate the population and increase the efficiency of the schools; a full description of such changes and alterations shall also be made and recorded as aforesaid; the school districts shall be numbered in such manner as the State Superintendent may direct; the mode of dividing the city of Baltimore into school districts, and of locating school houses, shall be fixed by the Mayor and City Council, and not be subject to the requirements of this section.

27. It shall be the duty of the school commissioners, each for his own school district, subject to the provisions of the by-laws issued by the State Board of Education, to employ teachers from among those persons who hold the proper certificate to attend to the distribution of books and stationery, requiring