

97. For the purpose of organizing teachers' associations and deciding upon the places of assembling, the president of the board shall convene the teachers of contiguous districts, embracing at least twenty-five schools, who may select a president and secretary, and adopt such by-laws as may be deemed expedient; the president shall arrange the time of meeting of the several associations, that he may attend all or as many as practicable.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTES.

98. A Teachers' Institute shall be held once in each year, to continue at least six days in every county that contains fifty teachers; whenever a county has less than fifty teachers, it may then unite with an adjacent county; *provided*, the joint number of teachers does not exceed one hundred.

99. It shall be the duty of every teacher, under the penalty of not less than five and not more than twenty-five dollars, to attend the institute and remain throughout its entire session, unless excused by the president of the county school board.

100. It shall be the duty of the president of the boards of county school commissioners, to notify each teacher of the time and place of meeting of the institute.

101. These institutes being designed as temporary Normal Schools, shall be presided over by the State Superintendent, or a Professor of the State Normal School, assisted by such members of the board of school commissioners who may elect to attend.

102. During the session of the institute, there shall be a vacation of the schools, and an appropriation shall be made by the board of school commissioners of the county, to pay the traveling expenses of the teachers; the president of the county boards shall select the place of assembling, and make such arrangements as will secure to the teachers a hospitable reception, and as far as practicable, freedom from expense for board during the session.