

4. The state school fund is primarily intended, under <sup>State school fund.</sup> this article, to pay the salaries of the teachers of the several counties, and to provide school books and stationery for the children of the state. If, however, in apportioning the said state school fund among the different counties and the city of Baltimore, the share of any county should prove inadequate for the purposes aforesaid, then the county commissioners of such county are hereby authorized, empowered, directed and <sup>Tax by county commissioners.</sup> required to levy and collect such a tax upon the assessable property of such county as the board of county school commissioners shall designate as sufficient to make good the deficiency, and to pay quarterly on the day fixed for the payment of the state school fund to the several counties, the amount so levied and collected over to the treasurer of the said board of county school commissioners, in order that the schools of such counties may be kept open for the time herein set forth, and said tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes. It shall also be in the power of the legal voters of any county to decide at any election upon the imposition of a tax for the erection and maintenance of a county high <sup>County high school</sup> school, or for any other educational purpose affecting and concerning the county generally; said tax to be levied and collected as aforesaid, and to be paid to the treasurer of the board of county school commissioners as aforesaid.

5. For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the <sup>Voters of county to decide.</sup> people of the county in regard to any proposition intended to effect public education in said county, the board of county school commissioners shall cause such proposition to be submitted to the voters of said county at the general election next ensuing; *provided* said <sup>Proviso.</sup> proposition and notice of election be published in all <sup>Notice.</sup> the newspapers of said county once a week for four successive weeks next prior to the day of said election; and said board of county school commissioners shall cause to be printed and placed at each poll in said county, on the day of said election before the opening of said poll, a sufficient number of ballots, having on <sup>Ballots.</sup>