

CHAPTER IV.

The Board of School House District Trustees.

SEC. 1. For the purpose of electing two trustees of ^{Electing trustees, &c.} the school house district, and deciding such other questions as may arise, an election by ballot shall be held in every such district on the first Saturday of the month of May, at three o'clock p. m., in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and on the first Saturday in May in every year thereafter, at which every registered voter having a legal residence therein shall be entitled to vote, and the school commissioners for the several counties shall give at least ten days' public notice of such elections by advertisement in the ^{Notice.} newspapers of the county or Baltimore city; but if no election shall be had on the day aforesaid, then the board of county school commissioners shall appoint said trustees.

2. The school district board shall have the care and ^{Powers of school district board.} control of all houses and lands connected therewith, intended for school purposes, within the limits of their respective districts; also, of the furniture, apparatus and other school property belonging to the district. They shall attend to all necessary repairs, and charge the cost among the incidental expenses of the school, to be paid out of the tax levied upon the assessable property of the county as herein provided for. ^{Provido.} *Provided,* that when repairs are to be paid for out of a county school tax, the amount to be expended for said repairs shall be determined by the board of school commissioners before the repairs are made. The board shall employ a teacher from among those persons who hold ^{Teachers.} the required certificate; they shall exercise a general supervision over their respective schools and visit them frequently, and shall cause instruction to be given for ten months in the year, and the county commissioners shall provide by general county taxation for school houses in the several districts, to be paid out of the school fund of the county.