

CHAPTER VI.

*School Houses and Sites.*County board
to select sites.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the board of county school commissioners to select a suitable school house site in each district, whenever the necessities of the public schools demand a change of site or sites already built upon, or a new school house to be built.

Gift, &c. of
sites.

2. The board of county school commissioners may receive donations of such sites, or locations for school houses or of houses already built, adapted to school purposes, or suitably located, or may purchase the same, but in no case shall any site be built upon, or any house be occupied, until a good and sufficient title shall have been obtained for the same, in the corporate name of the board of county school commissioners.

Title.

Condemnation
for sites.

3. When the lands shall be required for the site of a school house, or for enlarging a school house lot, and the board of county school commissioners shall, from any cause, be unable to contract with the owner thereof, the board of county school commissioners may apply for a writ *ad quod damnum*, to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, who shall forthwith issue the same, and the sheriff shall execute the said writ, and return an inquisition in term or during recess, hear a motion to confirm such inquisition, on such notice to the parties as he may direct, and confirm or quash the same; and if he quashes the inquisition, he shall order a new one forthwith to be taken, but no lot so taken or enlarged, shall exceed in whole one acre, including the land occupied by the school building.

Writ ad quod
damnum.

Inquisition.

Cost of sites.

4. In all cases when school house sites are thus purchased or condemned, the costs thereof shall be paid as other school house property is paid for.

Plan for school
house.

5. Every school house shall be built and furnished according to plans and drawings issued from the office of county school commissioners.