

CHAPTER VII.

Schools.

SEC. 1. The schools under the charge of the board of county school commissioners for each county, shall respectively be designated school No. 1, 2, 3, &c., of their respective election districts. How schools designated.

2. In every school house district in each county, established as hereinafter provided, there shall be kept, for ten months in each year, one or more schools, according to population, which shall be free to all white youth over six and under twenty-one years of age. How long kept open. Free to whites.

3. In every district school there shall be taught orthography, reading, writing, English grammar, geography, arithmetic, history of the United States, the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the state of Maryland, and good behavior. Algebra, book-keeping, natural philosophy, vocal music, drawing, physiology, the laws of health, and of domestic economy, shall also be taught whenever the board of district school commissioners shall deem it expedient. What taught.

4. Whenever a school numbers more than forty-five children in average attendance, an assistant may be employed by the board of county school commissioners, and for every additional forty children, one teacher may be appointed; and the board of county school commissioners shall direct the division of the pupils, so as to form a graded school. Additional teachers.

5. Whenever the number of children attending school in any school district is greater than one hundred, then the board of county school commissioners may, with the consent of the board of district school commissioners, establish schools of different grades, or the school district may be divided; and whenever the average attendance in any school, for any two consecutive terms, is less than ten pupils, then said school may be closed by the board of county school commissioners; Schools of different grades. School may be closed. Proviso. provided, that the board of district school commission-