

19. The board of county school commissioners is hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the board of county school commissioners of — county, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure to alter or break, and to exercise all the powers and privileges hereby granted to or vested in them, and every county school commissioner shall have power to take affidavits and administer oaths in all matters pertaining to public schools, but without charge or fee.

Id s 2
Board of county
school commis-
sioners

20. All the property, estates, effects, money, funds, claims, and State donations vested by law in the public school authorities of any county, for the use and benefit of public, primary, free, or high schools, are hereby transferred to and vested in the board of county school commissioners and their successors in office.

Id s 3
Property held
for school pur-
poses vested in
board
35 Md 201.

21. The board of county school commissioners shall have the general supervision and control of all schools in their respective counties; they shall build, repair, and furnish schoolhouses; they shall fix the salaries of teachers; they shall purchase and distribute textbooks, and shall perform such other duties as may be necessary to secure an efficient administration of the public school system, subject to the provisions of this law.

Id s 4.
Duties of board
of county school
commissioners

22. The State school tax and free school fund are primarily intended, under this act, to pay the salaries of the teachers of the several counties, and to provide schoolbooks and stationery for the children of the State. If, however, in apportioning the said State school tax 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 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; *provided* said tax shall not exceed ten cents in the hundred dollars, unless the county commissioners shall approve and sanction an additional tax. The taxes so levied and collected shall be paid quarterly, on the day fixed for the payment of the State school tax, to the several counties; but the proceeds from special taxes may be paid oftener, upon the order of the board of county school commissioners to the treasurer of the said board of county school commissioners, in order that the schools of said counties may be kept open for the time herein set forth, and said tax shall be levied and collected as other taxes. Any sums of money which may have been specially collected or levied on any election or schoolhouse district, for educational purposes connected with these districts, shall be collected for and applied to the purposes so intended originally, and shall be used for no other purpose; and if said funds have been used otherwise, they shall be returned and applied as aforesaid.

Id s 5
Appropriation
of State school
tax

Tax in counties.

23. In all cases where the county has not been properly divided into school districts, and full records of the boundaries thereof have

Id s 6
Committee in
school districts.