

1872, ch. 377.

45. Schools shall be kept open each week day except Saturday, for six hours, and the hours for teaching shall be regulated by the several boards of county school commissioners.

Ibid.

46. Any person who shall disturb any public school in session shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars, to be collected as other fines, to be paid to the board of district school trustees for the benefit of the school-house district; or, said offender shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the justice of the peace.

Ibid.

47. The school year shall be divided into four terms, which shall be designated the fall term, winter term, spring term, and summer term, and the time of beginning and closing each term shall be regulated by the board of county school commissioners; provided, that the financial reports of the schools of the State shall be made up and rendered to the thirtieth day of September, inclusive, of each and every year; and, provided further, that there shall be no change in or encroachment upon the holidays and vacations set forth and established in the following clause. The month of August shall be vacation throughout the whole State, and the following days shall be holidays, viz.: Thanksgiving day; from Christmas Eve to the first day in January, inclusive; Washington's birthday; from the Friday before Easter to the Monday after Easter, inclusive; the Monday of Whitsuntide, and the fourth day of July; and the remaining month of vacation shall be fixed and designated by the board of county school commissioners, to subserve the convenience and advantage of their respective counties. In case it may be necessary to open school for a fraction of a term, it shall close at the end of the term, and all accounts shall be settled at the meeting of the board of county school commissioners held at the close of the term.