

1888, art. 77, sec. 51. 1872, ch. 377.

**55.** The board of county school commissioners shall examine any charge preferred against the moral character of any teacher within their county; they shall give the teacher reasonable notice of the charge in writing, and an opportunity to defend himself; and if the charge be sustained they shall annul the teacher's certificate and shall give notice thereof to the State board of education; provided, that an appeal shall lie to the State board of education, whose decision shall be final.

Ibid. sec. 52. 1872, ch. 377. 1904, ch. 584.

**56.** Any person holding a first-class teacher's certificate, or a diploma of a respectable college, or of a State normal school, who has been a teacher for seven years, of which five shall have been spent in the State of Maryland, may apply to the State board of education for a life certificate, which, if granted, shall exempt him or her from any further examinations; said certificate may be annulled by said board at any time on account of immoral or unprofessional conduct.

Ibid. sec. 53. 1872, ch. 377. 1904, ch. 584.

**57.** The salaries of the teachers of each county shall be fixed by the board of county school commissioners; provided, that no white teacher regularly employed in a public school of the State of Maryland, having an average attendance of fifteen pupils or more, shall receive as salary less than three hundred dollars per school year.

1902, ch. 196, sec. 53A and sec. 2. 1904, ch. 584.

**58.** Whenever any person in this State has taught in any of the public or normal schools thereof twenty-five years, and has reached the age of sixty years, and his or her record as such teacher has been without reproach, and by reason of physical or mental disability or infirmity is unable to teach longer, the said teacher may lay his or her case before the State board of education, and the said board shall proceed to consider the same, and if the facts are found as above stated, the said teacher shall be placed upon a list, a record of which shall be kept by the said board, to be known as the "Teachers' Retired List," and the names upon the teachers' retired list shall be regularly certified to by said board to the comptroller of the treasury of this State, and every person so placed upon the said "Retired List" shall be entitled to receive a pension from this State of two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly by