

of city or county school commissioners, or receive appointment from the State board of education, as hereinafter provided: the State board of education is authorized and empowered to arrange and prescribe for each State normal school or normal department receiving State aid, an academic or preparatory course, and shall prescribe such qualifications of age and scholastic attainments as it may deem proper. The students of the State normal schools and normal departments receiving State aid shall be apportioned by the State board of education, among the several counties and the city of Baltimore in proportion to their respective representation in the general assembly of the State; the students shall be selected by the several boards of county school commissioners and the board of commissioners of the public schools of Baltimore city from among worthy persons who desire to make teaching their profession, and who may possess the necessary scholastic qualifications, namely, scholarships equal to graduation from approved high schools for the normal course, and scholarship equal to completion satisfactorily of the seventh year grade of our public school curriculum for the academic course; applicants for scholarships must file their application for scholarship, and also with the State board of education, a written declaration that their object in obtaining admission is to qualify themselves as public school teachers, and that it is their intention to engage in the profession in this State; whenever it is possible to do so, the board of county school commissioners and the board of school commissioners of Baltimore city shall appoint an alternate for each person who may receive a scholarship, and if for any reason such person who was awarded the scholarship does not use or accept the same, or for any other reason fails to become a student of the normal school or normal department, then the person appointed as alternate shall be entitled to the privileges of such scholarship. If there be not applicants sufficient from any county or the city of Baltimore, then the State board of education may fill all vacancies by selecting applicants possessing the requisite qualifications from any portion of the State, in the proportion aforesaid.

1888, art. 77, sec. 74. 1872, ch. 377. 1904, ch. 584.

81. In addition to the students admitted from the counties and the city of Baltimore, who shall enjoy the privileges of the school and be furnished with the use of the text-books free of charge, there may be admitted, in the discretion of the