

or any court trying the case, be committed to any reformatory institution provided by law, and authorized to receive the same for such period as the justice of the peace or court may determine, not to exceed two years.

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7th, 1892.

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CHAPTER 398.

AN ACT to create a commission to inquire into the distribution of the State school tax, and to make a report to the next General Assembly of Maryland.

Preamble WHEREAS, it is complained that there are gross inequalities in the distribution of State school tax in consequence of which a number of counties in the State with a low rate of county school tax, are able to have ten months school in the year and pay their at a high rate of compensation per term, and other counties, with a high rate county school tax, are able to have only from five to seven and one-half months school in the year, and pay their teachers at a low rate of compensation per term; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, the subject is intricate the interest involved are important and extensive, and the difficulties in the way of adjusting the alleged inequalities are peculiar, both in magnitude and character, making it necessary that in dealing therewith thorough investigation, full knowledge and mature deliberation should be had; therefore,

School Tax Commissioner. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor of the State shall immediately after the passage of this act appoint five persons, one of whom shall be a resident of the Eastern Shore, one of southern Maryland, one of Baltimore City, and the other two of central and western Maryland, respectively, who shall constitute a commission to be called "The Maryland School Tax Commission," said commissioners shall hold office for two years from the date of their appointment, and shall serve without compensation beyond their actual expenses incurred in attending the meetings of said commission making the investigation required of them; the Governor may at any time remove any of the said commissioners for neglect of duty or misconduct in office, and appoint others in their place.