

# LAWS OF MARYLAND

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inspectors of primary schools for the said county, which said commissioners and inspectors, shall hold their offices for one year, and until others shall be appointed in their places; and in case any of the said officers so appointed or to be appointed as aforesaid, shall refuse to serve or die, or remove from the county, or become incapable of serving, the same shall be supplied at the next meeting of the levy court.

4. *And be it enacted*, That each of the said officers, so to be chosen, or appointed as aforesaid, shall, before he enters upon the execution of his office, and within fifteen days after his election or appointment as aforesaid, take and subscribe an oath before some justice of the peace, in the form following; that is to say, "I \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, or affirm, as the case may be, that I will in all things, to the best of my knowledge and ability, well and truly execute the trust reposed in me as commissioner or inspector, as the case may be, of primary schools for the county, without favor or partiality," and every justice of the peace before whom such oath shall be taken, and subscribed as aforesaid, shall, without fee or reward, certify the same in writing the day and year when the same oath be taken, and subscribe his name thereto, and then deliver such writing to the person taking such oath, who shall within eight days thereafter, transmit, or deliver the same to the clerk of the county for which such officer so taking such oath, was elected or appointed and if any such officer, so chosen or appointed, as aforesaid, shall not take and subscribe such oath as aforesaid, and transmit or deliver the same as aforesaid, within the time for that purpose limited as aforesaid, such neglect shall be deemed a refusal to serve in such office; and if any person so chosen or appointed to such office as aforesaid, shall refuse to serve in such office, or shall serve therein before he shall have taken and subscribed such oath as aforesaid, then, and in every such case, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered with costs of suit, before any justice of the peace having jurisdiction thereof, by action of debt, the one moiety thereof to the use of the primary schools of the county for which such officer was chosen or appointed as aforesaid, and the other moiety thereof, with costs of suit, to the use of any person who shall prosecute for the same to effect.

5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of primary schools, or the major part of them, to divide their respective counties into a suitable and convenient number of school districts, and to alter and regulate the same as hereafter provided, and it shall be the further duty of the commissioners of the primary schools aforesaid, immediately after the formation or alteration of any such school district in their respective counties, to describe and number the same, and to deliver the description and number thereof in writing, to the clerk of the county, who is hereby required to receive and record the same in the county records, without fee or reward.

Oath of said officer—certify.

Penalty for serving without.

Commissioners to lay off school districts—record.