

such vacancy, or they may authorise the remaining trustees to fill said vacancy.

Examiners.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That said board of school commissioners shall constitute a board of examiners, whose duty it shall be to examine all persons recommended by a board of trustees as teachers, in any of the school districts in said county; and said commissioners may appoint a person or persons qualified to examine applicants for teaching as aforesaid, and if said commissioners shall be satisfied, after due examination has been made, that the applicant be a person of good moral character, and possessed of sufficient learning and otherwise qualified for teaching; then said board shall deliver a certificate to the person so examined, which certificate of qualification shall be annually presented to said board for renewal, and said school commissioners shall renew the same unless some valid objection be offered by the trustees of that particular school district.

Duty of trustees.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the several school districts of the county, as soon after their election, to ascertain the number of white children between the ages of five and seventeen years in their respective districts, and report the same to the president of the board of school commissioners; and in those districts in which there is no school house, it shall be the duty of the trustees of said district forthwith to make arrangements for the erection of a school house and procuring the necessary furniture for the same, and the school commissioners of the county shall make such appropriation as to them may seem just and proper, to be expended by said trustees in building and furnishing said school house, but in selecting the site for said school house, the said trustees shall locate it so far as practicable to suit the convenience of all the inhabitants of the district; they shall assemble annually or oftener in case of a vacancy, and recommend to the board of school commissioners a teacher for the school within their district, and no teacher shall be employed unless he shall furnish a certificate from the board of school commissioners, saying he has been examined as teacher by authority of said board, and found to be qualified as such under the provisions of this act; and if any trustees shall at any time employ, and keep in their school any teacher who has not obtained the required certificate or a renewal of the same, the school commissioners of the county shall withhold from the teacher all compensation as such, and from the school district in which such teacher was employed, all benefit of the school funds until the pro-