

tinue to serve to the end of the term for which they were originally appointed, and until their successors qualify, unless removed, as hereinafter provided, and shall also be eligible for reappointment; and provided, further, that all County Superintendents of Schools shall be paid, beginning with the school year 1947-48 on the basis of the salaries hereinafter specified. The salary of the County Superintendent of Schools shall not be diminished during his term of office. The County Superintendent of Schools shall devote his entire time to public school business and shall receive such compensation as the County Board of Education shall direct, provided that no County Superintendent of Schools appointed under the provisions of this section, or continuing in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), and if the county has less than one hundred and fifty teachers in all the schools, the County Superintendent of such county may be paid in the discretion of the County Board of Education, an annual salary up to and including Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500); and in any county having one hundred and fifty teachers but less than three hundred teachers in all the schools, the County Superintendent of such county shall in no case be paid an annual salary of less than Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500); and if the County Superintendent of such county has acted as County Superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000); and, if the County Superintendent of such county has acted as County Superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of seven years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500); and in any county having three hundred teachers or more in all the schools, the County Superintendent of such county shall in no case be paid an annual salary of less than Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500); and if the County Superintendent of such county has acted as County Superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000); and, if the County Superintendent of such county has acted as County Superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of seven years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500); and the State of Maryland shall, as hereinafter provided, pay out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the County Board of Education and to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, two-thirds of the annual salary of the County Superintendent of Schools and of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in