

sert the following: "Sec. 2. Be it enacted, That on the first Saturday in June next succeeding the passage of this Act, the legal voters of the School Districts of the various counties in the State, shall meet at the school houses of their respective school districts, between the hours of two and eight P. M., and by ballot elect three trustees, residents of said school district, who shall meet on the second Saturday after their election, at such place in their respective election districts as may be designated by the County Commissioners of their respective counties, and then and there elect one of their number to attend a County Convention, to be held on the 3d Tuesday of July, in their county town; which Convention shall, by ballot, elect five persons, residents of said county, who shall constitute the Board of County School Commissioners; said Board to serve for two years from the date of their election, and until their successors shall qualify."

Which was read.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment,

Mr. Robinson submitted the following amendments as a substitute:

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

DISTRICT TRUSTEES.

The colored schools of this State shall continue to be under the care of special district trustees to be appointed by the School Commissioners of the several counties of this State, in the same manner as they are now appointed, the white residents of the various school districts of the several counties of this State, and otherwise entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly, shall meet in the school houses of their respective school district on the first Saturday of May of each and every year, at 3 o'clock afternoon, and by a vote of a majority of those present, select three persons to serve as district school trustees for one year; and until their successors are chosen. If a vacancy should occur by failure to select, or refusal to serve, then the County School Commissioners shall fill such vacancy by appointment until the time of the annual selection heretofore provided. It shall be the duty of the district school trustees, to meet at the usual place of holding the polls in the various election districts of the several counties of this State, on the second Saturday of May, of this year, at 3 o'clock afternoon, and under the same circumstances every two years hereafter, and select by a vote of a majority of those present, the name of two persons from their respective election districts, and transmit them to the State Board of Education, and out of the names thus selected and transmitted, the State Board of Educa