

commencing January the fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and ending April the fifth, and so on for each and every year, until otherwise ordered.

Number of students.

Sec. 5. The number of students shall not exceed two hundred and fifty of both sexes, males being not younger than seventeen years, and females not younger than sixteen years, to be appointed as follows: two for each member of House of Delegates and one for each Senator, to be selected from the respective counties and the city of Baltimore by the Board of School Commissioners, whom the said Board shall certify they have examined and approved as possessed of the qualifications required of Teachers under this law, the object of the Normal School being, not to educate Teachers in studies now required by law, but to receive such as are found competent in these studies, and to train them in the best methods of teaching and conducting public schools. Before any appointment shall be made the applicants shall file a written declaration, that their object in getting admission to the school is to qualify themselves for the employment of Public School Teachers, and that it is their intention to engage in that employment within the State; and in case any student shall fail to fulfill their obligations, they shall forfeit and pay thirty dollars for each session they have attended the Normal School, as recompense for their tuition and the use of text-books. If there be not a sufficient number of applicants from any county to fill the number of appointments, then the State Superintendent may fill all vacancies, by selecting from among qualified applicants from any other portion of the State.

Pay students admitted.

Sec. 6. In addition to the students admitted from the counties, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the school and be furnished with the use of text-books free of charge, there may be admitted fifty pupils possessed of the required qualifications, who desire to prepare themselves for the duties of Teachers in private schools and academies, who shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars per session, and purchase their own text-books, and be subject in every respect to the rules and regulations as other students are.