

CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT to add sections one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and nineteen, one hundred and twenty, one hundred and twenty-one and one hundred and twenty-two to Article eighteen of the Public Local Laws for St. Mary's county, authorizing Trustees of school districts to procure sites for school houses by gift, devise, purchase or condemnation. Passed Feb. 11, 1864.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following sections, under the head of "School," be added to Article eighteen of the Code of Public Local Laws for St. Mary's county, to authorize the Trustees of school districts to procure sites for school houses by gift, devise, purchase or condemnation : Sections added

118. The Trustees of any school district may procure by gift, purchase or devise, a site, not exceeding five acres of land, for the erection of a school house within their respective districts, a due regard being had to centrality of location and other conveniences necessary to a public school. Sites for schools.

119. If the Trustees of any school district shall not be able to procure by gift, purchase or devise, a suitable site for a school house, they may condemn a site not exceeding one acre, having due regard to the rights and interests of the owner or owners of land sought to be condemned, and confining such condemnation in all cases, unless impracticable, to the outer borders of the tract or parcel of land from which said condemned site shall be selected. Trustees may condemn.

120. In all cases in which it shall be necessary to condemn a site, the Trustees shall cause to be served on the owner of the land to be condemned a notice in writing, signed by at least a majority of a full Board, of the place and time of viewing and condemning such site, and they shall assess the value and damages; and such condemnation and assessed value and damages shall be approved and certified to by a majority of a full Board; and the Notice to be served.