

nor shall the appointment of any person by a county board of education as a supervisor be valid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools. And provided further, that no supervisor, appointed under the provisions of this section or continued in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars, and the State of Maryland shall pay, as hereinafter provided, out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the county school board, one-half of the annual salary of one primary grade supervisor up to and including an annual salary of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars. County boards of education are free to employ as many additional supervisors as in their judgment are necessary, but the State shall not share in the payment of their salaries. Provided that in counties employing less than one hundred (100) teachers, the county board of education may employ at least one primary grade supervisor, subject to and under the foregoing conditions. Provided further, that two counties, each employing less than one hundred (100) teachers may join, with the approval of the state superintendent of schools in the employment of at least one primary grade supervisor, subject to and under the foregoing conditions.

(2) There shall be appointed in each county at least one attendance officer, whose duty it shall be to compel the regular attendance of children at school. Such person shall receive such compensation as the county board of education shall direct; provided that the appointment of any person as an attendance officer shall be invalid without the written approval of the state superintendent of schools. And provided further, that no attendance officer, appointed under the provisions of this section or continued in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than six hundred (\$600) dollars, and the State of Maryland shall pay, as hereinafter provided, out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of the county board of education, one-half of the annual salary of one attendance officer, up to and including an annual salary of twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars. County boards of education are free to employ as many additional attendance officers as in their judgment are necessary, subject to the approval of the state superintendent of schools, but the State shall not share in the payment of their salaries.

(3) There shall be employed in each county at least one statistical and stenographic clerk.