

Education shall explain the true intent and meaning of the law, and they shall decide, without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes that arise under it, and their decision shall be final; and the secretary of the State Board of Education shall have authority to administer oaths, in any part of the State, to witness in any matter pending before said Board.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on and after June 1, 1920.

Approved April 9, 1920.

CHAPTER 250.

AN ACT to authorize the State Board of Education to pay Justus C. F. Scheffer the pension provided for in and by Section 53A of Chapter 584 of the Acts of 1904, for teachers who have served the State for twenty-five years.

WHEREAS, Justus C. F. Scheffer a citizen of this State, has been engaged in teaching for about fifty years, of which time thirty-four years have been spent in teaching in the public and private schools of this State and preparing young men and women for colleges and universities, and during that time has rendered eminent service as a teacher and is generally known as a most distinguished scholar in mathematics and astronomy, and

WHEREAS, The said Justus C. F. Scheffer is past seventy-seven years of age and now incapacitated for work and without income and means of earning a livelihood; therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the State Board of Education be and they hereby are authorized to place the name of Justus C. F. Scheffer, a citizen of Washington County, on the "Retired List" provided for in Section 53A of Chapter 584 of the Acts of 1904, and that the Comptroller of the Treasury pay to said Justus C. F. Scheffer the pension provided for in Section — of said Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1920.

Approved April 9, 1920.