

diminished by reason of any of the provisions of said section or such re-enactment, but every teacher or school principal shall be entitled to any increase in salary that may herein be granted, from the time said section or any such re-enactment goes into effect.

72. The county board of education of each county shall appoint during the month of May a superintendent of schools for a term of four years, from the first day of August next succeeding his appointment, and he shall hold office until his successor qualifies. No person shall be eligible for appointment to the office of county superintendent of schools who does not hold from the State Superintendent of Schools a certificate in administration and supervision as provided for in Section 55 of this Article, nor shall the appointment of any person by the county board of education to the position of county superintendent of schools be valid without the written approval of the State Superintendent of Schools. Provided that all county superintendents of schools holding office at the time when this Act shall take effect, shall continue to serve to the end of the term for which they were originally appointed, and until their successors qualify, unless removed, as hereinafter provided, and shall also be eligible for reappointment; and provided, further, that all county superintendents of schools shall be paid, beginning with the school year 1922-1923, on the basis of the salaries hereinafter specified. The salary of the county superintendent of schools shall not be diminished during his term of office. The county superintendent of schools shall devote his entire time to public school business and shall receive such compensation as the county board of education shall direct, provided that no county superintendent of schools appointed to office under the provisions of this section, or continuing in office under the provisions of this section, shall be paid an annual salary of less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and if the county has less than one hundred and fifty teachers in all the schools, the county superintendent of such county may be paid, in the discretion of the county board of education, an annual salary up to and including two thousand nine hundred and forty dollars (\$2,940); and in any county having one hundred and fifty teachers but less than two hundred teachers in all the schools, the county superintendent of such county shall in no case be paid an annual salary of less than two thousand nine hundred and forty dollars (\$2,940); and if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four