

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 1945-1946 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 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 Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500), 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 Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$3,940); 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 Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$3,940); and if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Four Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,240); and, if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of seven years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,540); and in any county having two hundred teachers or more in all the schools, the county superintendent of such county shall in no case be paid an annual salary of less than Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,540); and if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of four years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$4,840); and, if the county superintendent of such county has acted as county superintendent in the State of Maryland for a period of seven years, he shall receive an annual salary of not less than Five Thousand One Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$5,140); and the State of Maryland shall, as hereinafter provided, pay out of the General State School Fund to the treasurer of