

## CHAP. 85.

Their powers  
and duties

son and Dr. William Queen, be and they are hereby appointed a board of school commissioners for Charles county, who shall have power and authority to hear and act upon all applications for laying off, altering, increasing or diminishing the number of the school districts in said county, and to adjust and settle the limits of said district; and it shall be their duty to change the lines of said districts, and to increase or diminish their number to suit the convenience of the persons interested in said respective schools.

Vacancies

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in case any vacancy shall happen in said board of school commissioners, it shall be the duty of the remaining members of said board of commissioners and their successors, as soon as practicable, to supply the said vacancy, by the appointment of some suitable person living within the election district in which the person whose place may have become vacant shall have resided.

Children may  
attend school  
not in their  
district

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the children residing within any school district, to attend any school of a district in which they may not reside, if the same be nearer to said children, or otherwise more convenient to them.

Commissioners  
to meet quar-  
terly, &c

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees of each district school in Charles county, and their successors in office, or a majority of them, shall meet at least four times in every year, in stated quarterly meetings, to be appointed by their own ordinances, and at such other time as by their ordinances, or by their adjournments, they may direct; and when so assembled, they shall have power, from time to time, to appoint a president, treasurer and secretary to the board of trustees for each district school, to make contracts with professors or teachers, relative to the instruction of the scholars to be placed under their care, and for the payment of their salaries, to examine the progress of the students and scholars in their learning, to hear and determine on all complaints and appeals, and upon all matters touching the discipline and government of the said schools, and the proper execution of their ordinances, and generally to manage the concerns of said schools in like manner, as is usually done for the advancement and advantage of such institutions, always having in view the designs of the act to which this is a supplement.

To appoint offi-  
cers—make  
contracts, &c.

Repealing  
clause

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all such parts of the original act to which this is a supplement, as are inconsis-