

**CHAP. 252.** the expense of the school fund; and it shall be the further duty of the school commissioners diligently to inquire for, and ascertain such orphan and poor children as are destitute of the means of education, and from time to time, as far as the funds, under their control will enable them, to designate to the schoolmasters such orphan and poor children as they may deem proper objects for education out of said fund.

Teachers to present their accounts.

**SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That the schoolmaster or schoolmistress who may teach such poor children, shall present his or her account for teaching the same, regularly proved by his or her oath to the commissioners who directed the teaching the same; and if he believes the account to be right, he shall direct, by an order, the orphans court to pay the same; *provided,* the aggregate amount of such orders drawn by any commissioner shall not exceed the sixth part of the money allowed to the district of which he is a commissioner, except in the sixth district, and the aggregate amount of orders given by any one school commissioner in said sixth district, shall not exceed one-third part of the money to which said district is entitled.

Court to pay orders of commissioners. Proviso.

**SEC. 5.** *And be it enacted,* That the orphans court aforesaid shall pay such orders of said commissioners out of the school fund of said county; *provided,* that said court is not bound to pay the same, if there should appear to be any fraud or misconduct in obtaining or giving such orders, of which fraud or misconduct, the said orphans court is hereby given full power to inquire and examine by summoning witnesses, interrogating the parties, teachers or commissioners under oath, or other summary mode.

To notify commissioners.

**SEC. 6.** *And be it enacted,* That the said orphans court, as soon as they shall ascertain what amount of said fund is allotted to each district, they shall direct the register of wills to notify the commissioners of such district thereof immediately.

Not to be selected under 8 years.

**SEC. 7.** *And be it enacted,* That said commissioners, in selecting the poor children to be sent to school, shall not designate any under eight years of age, and if there should be more poor children proper to be sent to school in the neighborhood of any commissioner than the proportion of the money for which he is authorised to draw orders on the orphans court will educate, then such commissioner will equalise the benefits among such poor children, by sending all such poor children for such time as the funds subject as aforesaid to his orders will pay for.