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rity to levy a tax not exceeding one cent on the hundred dollars upon the assessable property of said county, said tax when collected to be applied to the support of the public schools authorised to be established by the first section of this act, and for no other purpose.

All school funds to be applied to said schools.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the present school fund belonging to said county, and all other funds which existing laws grant for educational purposes in said county, shall be applied to the use of the public schools of said county by the county commissioners of said county.

Treasurer to pay over.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the treasurer of the school fund of Washington county be and he is hereby authorised to receive all devises, bequests and donations which may be made for the benefit of said public schools, and to pay the same over to the person or persons authorised to receive the same, in the manner hereinafter to be provided.

Board to be appointed and called school commissioners

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of Washington county shall appoint one person from each election district in said county, in the month of May in each and every year, to be called the board of school commissioners for said county, who shall continue in office for one year, and from the end of that time until their successors shall have been appointed, and if any vacancy occur in the board of school commissioners before the expiration of the time for which they were appointed, either by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the board to fill up the same as soon as conveniently may be.

Officers—how, when and by whom elected.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said board of school commissioners shall be convened by the county commissioners within twenty days next succeeding their appointment, and at their first meeting, or at some subsequent meeting held by special adjournment, shall proceed to the election of a president, treasurer and secretary from their own board, to be chosen by a majority of votes of the whole board, and said president, treasurer and secretary shall hold their offices during the period prescribed by the fifth section of this act, and if any vacancy shall occur either in the office of president, treasurer or secretary, from death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the board to fill up the same at the earliest day practicable by a new election, and in all cases a majority of the school commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

May make bye-laws.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That the said board of school commissioners shall have power to establish as many schools in the county as the fund may be

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