

until the first Saturday in March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and until their respective successors shall be duly elected and qualified; they shall assemble in the town of Elkton within twenty days after this act shall go into operation, and shall then and there decide by lot their respective terms of service, and shall certify the same, when ascertained, under their hands and seals to the register of wills or orphans court of Cecil county; they shall then each take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I, A B, do swear, or solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will well and faithfully execute and perform the several trusts and duties reposed in and imposed upon me by law as a member of the Board of Education for Cecil county, without partiality or prejudice, and that I will faithfully and impartially, to the best of my skill and ability, hear, adjudge and determine upon any and all matters of controversy that may be submitted to my consideration as a member of the said Board, under the provisions of this act, without fear, favor or affection, which said oath or affirmation shall be taken before any justice of the peace of the said county, and filed with the register of wills for said county, within ten days thereafter, and the said abovenamed persons, and their successors, duly elected and qualified, according to the provisions of this act, as members of the said Board of Education for Cecil county, shall have and exercise the following powers and perform the following duties: they shall compose a Board of Examination of all applicants for the situation of teacher in any of the schools herein to be provided for; they shall carefully examine into the character and qualifications of every such applicant, who must be a person of good moral character, qualified to govern as well as to teach, and well qualified to impart instruction in at least the following branches: reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar and geography; they shall give to every applicant, whom they shall find qualified, a certificate thereof in writing, which must be signed by at least two of the members of said Board; they shall exercise a general superintendence over the business of laying off the county into school districts, shall hear and determine upon appeals and complaints arising therein, and shall exercise such further powers and perform such further duties as are hereinafter conferred upon or required of them; they shall be entitled to receive one dollar each for each and every day they shall be necessarily in session to perform any duty imposed upon them by this act; the first vacancy shall be filled at the election hereinafter to be provided for, which will take place in

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