

**CHAP. 221.** March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and so annually, as they occur; if a vacancy shall happen before said election, or at any time thereafter, during the time for which the last incumbent shall have been appointed or elected, the remaining two members of the said Board of Education, by their appointment of some competent person, shall fill such vacancy until the next regular school election, when the school voters of the county shall choose a competent person to serve for the unexpired term of the last incumbent; for refusing to perform any required duty, after having accepted and qualified, each member of said Board, or their successors, shall be liable to a fine of ten dollars, to be recovered by indictment, in the county court, to be applied for school purposes.

To survey and  
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**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That the county surveyor of Cecil county, be and he is hereby authorised and required to divide and lay off the said county into school districts, without reference to election district lines; in laying off the said school districts, he shall avoid the expense and delay of actual surveys, except in cases where they are indispensable, and shall adopt as the outlines of said several districts, natural boundaries and farm lines; he shall consult and advise with the voters and inhabitants of each neighborhood, which he shall consider proper to be embraced in school district lines, having regard in all cases to the awarding of equal facilities to the several school districts and to the inhabitants of each district as far as the same may be practicable; he shall have due regard to economy in the number of school districts so as not to increase the expense of the system beyond what is absolutely necessary to bring the district school within reasonable distance of each scholar; he shall, on or before the second Monday in September next ensuing the passage of this act, make a full report of all his labors, and of the locations and divisions made by him in pursuance of this act, to the Board of Education, setting forth in his said report, as nearly as he can with diligent inquiry and examination ascertain, the number of children in each school district, between the ages of six and twenty years; he shall state what districts will require new school houses, and what is the size and character of the school-house in any district which may in his judgment answer the purposes of a district school; he shall be authorised to appoint one or more deputies for the purpose of assisting in the discharge of these duties, who, with the said surveyor, shall each be entitled to receive three dollars a day for each and every day they are engaged in the

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