

said sum of two hundred dollars to aid in defraying the expense and cost thereof, each district school house shall be located as near the centre of the district as the convenience of the scholars, and other circumstances, will admit, and when once located, no school house shall be removed or abandoned, unless, at a stated meeting of the school voters, when they assemble to elect trustees and other officers, two thirds of the said school voters shall so determine, and the board of education approve, and each school district shall forever after keep its school house, furniture and fixtures in good repair, at its own proper cost and charge, and the trustees of each of said school districts, and their successors, shall have charge of said school buildings and fixtures, and shall from time to time order and direct such repairs as are necessary.

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SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees of the said several school districts, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby created, made and constituted bodies politic and corporate, with power to prosecute and defend in actions at law, to take and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, property, real or personal, for the use and support of the schools of their respective districts, with power also to levy and collect taxes for school purposes within their respective districts, and to appoint such officers and perform all such acts as are necessary to carry such powers into execution.

Corporate powers of district trustees

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That at the first stated meeting, in each school district, when the voters assemble to choose trustees and other school officers, and at every such meeting in the month of March, annually thereafter, they shall determine what sum they will raise in the district that year for school purposes, and the chairman and secretary of the said meeting shall immediately report the same to the board of education; *provided*, that it shall be necessary for each school district to raise within itself at least the sum of fifty dollars before it will be entitled to receive any contribution from the board of education for the payment of its teacher; and for the purpose of raising the said sum of fifty dollars, or such additional sum as for the purpose of enhancing the character and usefulness of their school, they may determine upon, by taxation if necessary, the trustees of each of the said school districts may cause to be made an assessment of all the real and personal property in the said districts respectively, or, they may obtain from the office of the commissioners of the said county, a transcript of all the assessable property within their respective districts, and shall cause a record there-

Voters of each district to determine what sum they will annually raise for school purposes

Provisoers.