

## CHAPTER 278.

Passed  
Mar. 10, 1854.

AN ACT to amend and modify the present primary school system of Charles county.

Commission-  
ers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That John G. Chapman, William B. Stone, George Brent, Doctor William Queen and Doctor Stonten W. Dent, be, and they are hereby constituted and appointed a board of school commissioners for Charles county, with power to fill any vacancies that may occur from time to time; it shall be the duty of said commissioners to organize by the election of one of their number to preside over their board, and said board shall make such by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary for their government.

First meeting.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the first regular meeting of said board shall be held on the first Tuesday of September after their appointment, or as soon thereafter as convenient, at the court house, in Port Tobacco, and quarterly thereafter; the president of the board may call extra meetings whenever in his judgment the business of the board requires it; a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Authority to  
divide county  
into school  
districts.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the school commissioners aforesaid are hereby authorized and required at their earliest convenience, to divide the county into as many school districts as in their judgment may be necessary for public convenience and accommodation, to number and clearly define by descriptive limits each of said school districts, and from time to time create new school districts, as necessity in their judgment may require; and they shall sell and dispose of such school houses as may become necessary, by the re-division of said county into new school districts, and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be appropriated to the school fund of said county.

Trustees.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the school commissioners aforesaid, at their first meeting after they have laid off and determined the number of school districts in the county, and every two years thereafter to appoint for each school district so laid off and determined, five suitable men as trustees of such school districts, who shall be notified of their appoint-