

houses thereon; to the building of school houses on ground which may be donated for that object; to the purchasing of houses already built and suitably located, or to the renting or leasing, and the necessary repairs of the same, and to the defraying of any expense which may be properly incident to the full effectuation of the purposes of this act.

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SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of diffusing equally, as far as may be practicable, among the children of said county, the advantages of Public Schools, the School Commissioners of said county may themselves, or if they should deem it more judicious, may appoint a commission of three or more persons, with the aid of a surveyor, to lay off and divide said county into a suitable number of school districts, in each of which they shall locate one public school, and shall supply at such location a public school house, capable of accommodating as many scholars as such school district may be reasonably expected to contain; and in the event of the appointment of a commissioner and surveyor, to lay off the school districts, and to locate the school houses herein provided; the said School Commissioners are hereby authorised, upon the return of the said commission and the approval thereof, to pay for such service such compensation as they may deem just and proper; and the said School Commissioners are hereby further authorised to receive donations for such sites or locations for school houses as may be designated, if any be offered, or to purchase the same and to build thereon school houses in each of the school districts laid off and approved by them, or to purchase any house already built, which may be found suitably located in any of said school districts, or to rent or lease the same in their discretion; *provided however*, that in no case shall the said commissioners proceed to occupy any site, and to build school house thereon, until a good and sufficient title shall have first been taken for the same, in the corporate name of the School Commissioners of Baltimore county; *And provided further*, that a larger sum than four hundred dollars, shall not be expended, for the building of any school house, or the purchase of any house already built, unless the School Dis-

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