

39. *County Superintendent.*

*The county superintendent of schools shall be the executive officer, the secretary, and treasurer of the county board of education, but shall not be deemed a public officer under the constitution or the laws of this State. He, or his designated representative, shall attend all meetings of the board and of its committees, except when his own tenure, salary, or the administration of his office are under consideration and shall have the right to advise on any question under consideration, but shall have no right to vote.*

40. *Boards to maintain school systems.*

*The county boards of education are authorized, empowered, directed, and required to maintain throughout their respective political subdivisions a reasonably uniform system of public schools designed to provide ~~an adequate educational program~~ QUALITY EDUCATION AND EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY for all youth.*

41. *Duties in general.*

*The county board of education shall to the best of its ability cause the provisions of this Article, the bylaws, rules and regulations, and the policies of the State Board of Education to be carried into effect. Subject to this Article, and to the bylaws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, the county board of education shall determine, with the advice of the county superintendent, the educational policies of the county school system and shall prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the public schools in the said county school system. Such rules and regulations shall be codified and made available to the public.*

42. *Establishment and control.*

*The county boards of education shall have authority to establish public schools when, in their judgment, it is advisable to do so, subject to the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools, according to the bylaws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education. Upon approval by the State Superintendent of Schools, any elementary or high school, or any school or combination of any grades thereof, so established, shall become a part of the State foundation program of public education as provided for elsewhere in this Article. The county board of education, with the advice of the superintendent of schools, shall determine the geographical attendance areas for all such schools established under the provisions of this section.*

43. *Schools for adults.*

*The county boards of education, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, may establish and maintain day and evening schools for adults, the purpose of which shall be to provide a general program of continuing education in all its aspects for the improvement of the civic, vocational, and general intelligence of adults, and to enable them to make a wise use of their leisure time.*