

population, and increase the efficiency of the Schools.

A full description of such changes and alterations shall also be made and recorded as aforesaid.

The School Districts shall be numbered in such manner as the State Superintendent may direct.

City of Baltimore

The mode of dividing the City of Baltimore into School Districts, and of locating School houses, shall be fixed by the Mayor and City Council, and not be subject to the requirements of this section.

To employ  
Teachers, &c.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the School Commissioners, each for his own School District, subject to the provisions of the By-Laws issued by the State Board of Education to employ teachers from among those persons who hold the proper certificate, to attend to the distribution of Books and Stationery, requiring each pupil to pay in advance for the use of the same, unless exempted therefrom; to exercise a general supervision over the Schools, visiting them at least once each term, to have the care and custody of all School Houses, School furniture and apparatus, and School house sites; purchase fuel and provide for all incidental expenses, keep School houses and enclosures in repair, have shade trees planted, advise concerning the discipline and management and course of instruction pursued, require examination of the pupils in any or all branches of study, and to use their influence and exertions to increase the usefulness and elevate the standard of the Schools and convince the people of the inestimable value of sound Education.

Schools open  
six months.

SEC. 8. They shall cause instruction to be given in each School District for at least six months consecutively in each year, and if the State and County appropriations fail to prolong the School