

and it shall be the duty of the Justice of the Peace, to prosecute for all such violations.

SEC. 8. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore are authorized to adopt, without recourse to the General Assembly, such police regulations as they may deem expedient concerning truant children and absentees from school, to compel parents and guardians to send their children and wards, between the ages of eight and fourteen years, to some public or private School at least six months in each year, and to enforce the other provisions of Sections 5, 6 and 7 of this Chapter entitled "Of Pupils."

Mayor and City Council to make truant laws.

CHAPTER VII.—TEXT BOOKS.

SECTION 1. To secure harmony in the System of Public Instruction, and to enable children moving from one county to another, to pursue their studies without interruption or unnecessary expense to parents and guardians; and also to prepare advanced pupils, uniformly, for the higher grades of instructions in High Schools and Colleges, there shall be a uniform series of Text Books used in all the Schools of the State, organized under this law.

Uniform series of Text Books.

SEC. 2. The uniform series of Text Books shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education, and contracted for by the State Superintendent, under whose directions they shall be distributed at cost, and five per cent. advance, to the Boards of School Commissioners, in quantities and at times as advised by them.

By whom selected.

SEC. 3. On the first day of July each year, the several City and County School Commissioners shall send to the office of the State Superintendent, a Schedule of Books and Stationery required for use of Schools in their cities and

Estimates to be sent from Counties, &c.