

“That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised to invest the surplus revenue in some bank, banks, or other monied institutions, incorporated by this State, or in some safe and profitable stocks, yielding an interest of not less than five per centum per annum, and that the annual proceeds shall be set apart for the support and maintenance of public instruction, and distributed among the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, on the conditions hereinafter prescribed, in just and equal proportions, one-half according to the ratio of white population, and the other half equally among the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, that in those counties of the State which have not adopted the system of primary schools instruction, according to the provisions of the act of 1825, ch. 162, and its several supplements, at the next election of delegates to the General Assembly, every voter, where he offers to vote, shall be required by the judges of election to state whether he is for or against the establishment of primary schools, and the said judges shall record the number of votes for and against primary schools, and make return thereof to the treasury of the Western Shore; and if a majority of the said votes in any county shall be in favor of the establishment of primary schools, as therein provided for, then, and in that case, the said act and the several supplements thereto, shall be valid for such county or counties, and the said county or counties shall receive the distributive share of the proceeds of the surplus revenue according to the provisors of the first section of this act.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, that if a majority of votes in any county of this State, shall be against the establishment of primary schools, as provided by the act of 1825 ch. 162, and its several supplements, then, and in that case, the distributive share which would accrue to the said counties, upon the acceptance of said act and its supplements, in the manner provided by the second section of this act, shall remain in the treasury of the Western Shore, in trust for the counties so refusing, until they have adopted a system of public instruction, which the Legislature may think worthy of encouragement; provided however, that if said county or counties shall not adopt such a system within three years after the passage of this act, then the amount held in trust for