

A BILL.

An Act for the better regulation of the Public Schools in this State.

SECTION 1ST. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That there shall be elected or appointed, in the manner hereinafter directed, in the several counties of this State, and in the city of Baltimore, three learned and discreet persons in each of the several counties, and one learned and discreet person in each of the several wards of the city of Baltimore, who shall be styled a Board of Public School Commissioners of the county or city for which they may be elected or appointed.

Sec. 2nd. And be it enacted, That the School Commissioners provided for by this act, may either be elected by the qualified voters of the several counties, and the qualified voters of the city of Baltimore, or they may be appointed by the Judges of the Orphans Court in the several counties respectively, and by the Mayor and City Council in the city of Baltimore, and they shall enter upon the duty of their office on the first day of January succeeding their election or appointment, and serve for two years; and in case of election for Commissioners as aforesaid, said election shall be held every second year, on the day of the election of Delegates in the several counties, and in the city of Baltimore, and the Judges of said election shall notify, in writing, the several persons elected as School Commissioners of their election, so soon as may be convenient of said election; and in case of appointment of Commissioners as aforesaid, said Commissioners shall be appointed at least fifteen days previous to the time herein prescribed for entering upon the duty of their office; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of the Orphans Court to notify the several persons appointed as Commissioners, of their appointment; and in all cases of contested elections for School Commissioners in the several counties, the Judges of the Orphans Court thereof shall hear and determine the case, and in case of a tie, shall order a new election; and in all cases of contested elections for School Commissioners in the city of Baltimore, the City Council thereof shall hear and determine the case, and in case of