

at least thirty days previous to said election, setting forth the existing School Tax, and stating distinctly the additional per cent. to which they desire to increase it, the votes at such election shall be endorsed, "For the increase of the School Tax," or "Against the increase of the School Tax;" and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of the increase, the County Commissioners shall be authorised to levy the additional tax, or so much thereof as may be necessary to keep the Schools open for at least ten months in the year, but if a majority of the votes cast be against the increase, then the existing Tax only shall be levied, and if at any time the sense of the people shall be taken to decrease the School Tax, a notice of the same shall be published as above, and the ballots shall be endorsed, "For the decrease of School Tax," or "Against the decrease of the School Tax," and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of the decrease, then the County Commissioners shall make the deduction in the levy indicated by said vote; but if a majority of the votes be against the decrease, then the existing Tax, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be levied, but in no instance shall the County Commissioners levy a greater Tax in any one year than may be authorised by the legal vote of the people, and the County Commissioners of the several counties shall abolish the School Tax in any of the several counties, if they shall be so required by the qualified voters thereof.

Sec. 16th. And be it enacted, That the School Tax that may hereafter be levied in the several counties and the city of Baltimore, shall be collected like any other County or City Tax, and shall be deposited with the County Taxes of the several counties, and with the City Taxes of the city of Baltimore, subject to the order of the School Commissioners of the counties and the city of Baltimore respectively; but the County Treasurers of the several counties, and the City Register of the city of Baltimore, shall keep the School Fund separate and distinct from other funds, and shall apply, use or expend the same for any county or city purposes; and it shall not be lawful for the School Commissioners to use or expend the School Fund, except for the legitimate purpose of Education.

Sec. 17th. And be it enacted, That one-half of the aggregate amount raised by taxation in the several counties, for the support of the Public Schools, in addition to the State appropriation, and other sources of revenue, shall be annually appropriated equally among the Schools in the several Districts of the counties aforesaid; the other half of said fund shall be divided among the Districts, in proportion to the number of children each District may contain, between the age of five and seventeen.

Sec. 18th. And be it enacted, That the School Commissioners to be elected or appointed according to the provisions of this act, shall be invested with all powers and privileges exercised by