

Dec. Ses. 1816. natural objects, roads, and local circumstances, as in the opinion of said commissioners shall be most beneficial and convenient for the inhabitants of the several sections.

Return thereof to be made to clerk.

2. *And be it enacted,* That said commissioners when they shall so have divided the said county into sections, shall cause a return to be drawn up in writing, signed by said commissioners, or a majority of them, describing particularly and distinctly the limits of each of said sections, and designating them respectively by numbers from one in progressive succession, and shall lodge said return with the clerk of the county, whose duty it shall be forthwith to record the same among the land records of the county, and a copy of said return, under the hand and official seal of said clerk, shall be good and sufficient evidence in the courts of justice in this state, as well as out thereof, of the location and boundaries of said respective sections.

Five trustees to be appointed in each section.

3. *And be it enacted,* That said commissioners, so soon as they shall have divided said county into sections, and made a return thereof, and caused the same to be recorded as aforesaid, shall appoint five of the most discreet and sensible men of each section, as trustees of the school of said section, and shall cause the clerk of the county to make out and transmit to the first named trustee of each section a copy of the description and designation of the section of which he is a trustee.

Oath.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners before they proceed to act as such, shall take an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, well and faithfully, and without favour, affection or partiality, to execute the duties assigned them by this act.

Voters to determine means of procuring ground, &c.

5. *And be it enacted,* That said trustees in each of said sections, so soon as they shall deem it convenient after their appointment, shall notify the voters of their respective sections, in such manner as they shall consider most convenient and proper, to meet at such time, not less than ten days, and at such place in the section as said trustees may appoint, to consider and determine of the best means to procure a suitable lot or piece of ground and school-house for the use and accommodation of said section, and said voters of each section, or a majority of them, shall have power and authority to judge and determine whether the said piece or lot of ground and school house shall be procured by voluntary contribution, or by an equal and proportionable tax on the assessed property of said section; and the said trustees shall have power to collect and receive subscriptions, and money, if the said voters shall determine to resort to voluntary contribution, and to levy and assess the sum fixed on by said voters upon the property of the section, should said voters, or a majority of them, determine to resort to a tax.

Trustees to collect money.

6. *And be it enacted,* That said trustees shall have full power and authority to collect all monies which may be voluntarily offered or subscribed, and upon default of any subscriber to pay the amount of his subscription, to recover the same by the same legal means that any person in this state may or can recover any debt of equal amount which may be due them, and to appoint such as they may think proper to collect the several sums which may be levied as herein before authorised, which said person, so appointed, shall have all the power and authority to col-