

V. And be it enacted, that the District Council of each District, shall be a Board of Education of such District, and their duties as such Board shall be :

District Council to be a Board of Education.

Firstly : To divide the several Townships and Parishes within their District into School Districts, to be designated by numbers, as one, two, three, and so on ; (provided always, that no such School District shall be established in which there shall be fewer than fifteen children between the ages of five and sixteen resident therein,) and forthwith to furnish a full Report of such division of the District with a proper description and designation of boundaries to the Superintendent of Education ; and also to furnish a specification of the School Districts, in each Parish or Township, to the School Commissioners, to be appointed for the same, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Duties of the Board.

Secondly : To apportion and distribute to each of the said School Districts its share of the School Fund, which share shall be proportioned to the number of children between the ages of five and sixteen, resident in such School Districts, respectively ;

To distribute the school fund among the school Districts

Thirdly : To apportion and cause to be assessed on the inhabitants of such School District a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, for the erection of a School-house in each School District in which none exists ;

To assess inhabitants in the sum of £50 for a School House.

Fourthly : To apportion to each Township and Parish, a sum not exceeding ten pounds, in any one year, to be expended in the purchase of such Books as may be recommended by the Common School Commissioners for distribution among the Schools ;

To apportion to each Parish & Township a sum not exceeding £10 annually for Books.

Fifthly : To report their proceedings in matters relating to common Schools, and the state of such Schools within the District, to the Superintendent, annually, on or before the first Monday in December in each year.

To report annually to Superintendent.

VI. And be it enacted, that if the District Council of any District shall at any time refuse or neglect to comply with the foregoing requirements of this Act, such District shall not be entitled to receive any sum of money out of the Common School Fund until such requirements shall have been duly complied with, or a good and sufficient cause for non-compliance shall have been shewn to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Education.

Non-compliance on the part of District Council deprives the District of any share in the School Fund.

VII. And be it enacted, that at the annual Township or Parish meetings to be held in the month of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and at each succeeding annual meeting, for the election of Township and Parish Officers, there

"Common School Commissioners" to be elected at