

Order of retiring from office.

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Proceedings and duties of annual School section meetings.

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To decide upon the manner of providing for the expenses of the School.

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Penalty for refusing to serve as School Trustee.

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Mode of recovering and applying such penalty.

section, before that in the default of the holding of any school section meeting, as hereinbefore authorized by this Act, for want of the proper notice,

the last person elected shall continue in office until the next ensuing annual school meeting in such section, and until his successor is elected; the second person elected, one year, and the first person elected, two years, from such next ensuing annual school meeting, and until their successors are elected respectively: Provided always, that a correct copy of the proceedings of such first school section meeting, and of every annual school section meeting, signed by the Chairman and Secretary, shall be forthwith transmitted by the Secretary to the Local Superintendent of Schools.

VI. And be it enacted, That at every annual school section meeting in any Township, as authorized and required to be held by the second section of this Act, it shall be the duty of the freeholders or householders of such section, present at such meeting, or a majority of them,—

*Firstly.* To elect a Chairman and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required of the Chairman and Secretary, by the fifth section of this Act.

*Secondly.* To receive and decide upon the report of the Trustees, as authorized and provided for by the eighteenth clause of the twelfth section of this Act.

*Thirdly.* To elect one or more persons as Trustee or Trustees, to fill up the vacancy or vacancies in the Trustee Corporation, according to law: Provided always, that no Teacher in such section shall hold the office of School Trustee.

*Fourthly.* To decide upon the manner in which the salary of the Teacher or Teachers, and all the expenses connected with the operations of the School or Schools, shall be provided for.

VII. And be it enacted, That if any person offering to vote at an annual or other school section meeting, shall be challenged as unqualified by any legal voter in such section, the Chairman presiding at such meeting shall require the person so offering, to make the following declaration:—

“I do declare and affirm that I am a freeholder [or “householder”] in this school section, and that I am legally qualified “to vote at this meeting.” And every person making such declaration, shall be permitted to vote on all questions proposed at such meeting; but if any person shall refuse to make such declaration, his vote shall be rejected: Provided always, that every person who shall wilfully make a false declaration of his right to vote, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punishable by fine or imprisonment, at the discretion of any Court of Quarter Sessions, or by a penalty of not less than one pound five shillings, or more than two pounds ten shillings, to be sued for and recovered, with costs, by the Trustees of the school section, for its use, before any Justice of the Peace, having jurisdiction within such school section.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any person chosen as Trustee, shall refuse to serve, he shall forfeit the sum one pound five shillings; and every person so chosen and not having refused to accept, who shall at any time refuse or neglect to perform the duties of his office, shall forfeit the sum of five pounds; which sum or sums may be sued for and recovered by the Trustees of the school section, for its use, before any such Justice of the Peace: Provided always, that any person chosen as Trustee may resign with the consent of his colleagues in office and of the Local Superintendent, expressed in writing.

IX. And be it enacted, That in case no annual or other school section meeting be held for want of the proper notice, the Trustees or other person whose duty it was to give such notice, shall respectively and individually forfeit the sum of one pound five shillings, to be sued for and recovered for the purposes of such school section, on the complaint of any resident in such section, before any such Justice of the Peace: Provided always, that in the default of the holding of any school section meeting, as hereinbefore authorized by this Act, for want of the proper notice,

then any two freeholders or householders in such section, are hereby authorized, within twenty days after the time at which such meeting should have been held, to call such meeting by giving six days' notice, to be posted in at least three public places, in such school section; and the meeting thus called shall possess all the power, and perform all the duties of the meeting, in the place of which it shall have been called.

Mode of calling a school meeting in default of the annual meeting not being called.

Duties and powers of such meeting.

Trustees to be a Corporation.

X. And be it enacted, That the Trustees in each school section shall be a Corporation, under the name of “The Trustees of School Section, Number —, in the Township of —, in the County of —;” Provided

always, that no such Corporation of any school section shall cease by reason of the want of Trustees, but in case of such want, any two freeholders or householders of such section shall have authority, by giving six days' notice, to be posted in at least three public places in such section, to call a meeting of the freeholders or householders, who shall proceed to elect three Trustees, in the manner prescribed in the fifth section of this Act, and the Trustees thus elected shall hold and retire from office in the manner prescribed for Trustees elected under the authority of the said fifth section of this Act.

Proviso: Such Corporation not to cease for want of Trustees.

Mode of electing new Trustees, if necessary.

XI. And be it enacted, That in any case of difference as to the site of a school-house between the majority of the Trustees of a school section and a majority of the freeholders or householders, at a special meeting called for that purpose, each party shall choose one person as arbitrator, and the two arbitrators thus chosen, and the local Superintendent, or any person appointed by him to act on his behalf, in case of his inability to attend, or a majority of them, shall finally decide on the matter.

Mode of deciding on the site of a school-house.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Trustees of each school section:

Duties of Trustees.

*Firstly.* To appoint one of themselves, or some other person, to be Secretary-treasurer to the Corporation; and it shall be the duty of such Secretary-treasurer to give such security for the correct and safe keeping and forthcoming (when called for) of the papers and moneys belonging to the Corporation, as may be required by a majority of the Trustees; to keep a record of all their proceedings, in a book procured for that purpose; to receive and account for all school moneys collected by rate-bill, subscription, or otherwise, from the inhabitants of such school section; to disburse such moneys in such manner as may be directed by the majority of the Trustees.

To appoint a Secretary-treasurer: his duties.

*Secondly.* To appoint, if they shall think it expedient, a Collector (who may also be Secretary-treasurer), to collect the rates they have imposed, or shall impose upon the inhabitants of their school section, or which the said inhabitants may have subscribed; and to pay to such Collector, at the rate of not less than five or more than ten per cent., on the moneys collected by him for his trouble; and every Collector shall give such security as may be satisfactory to the Trustees, and shall have the same powers, by virtue of a warrant, signed by a majority of the Trustees, in collecting the school-rate or subscription, and shall proceed in the same manner as ordinary Collectors of County and Township rates or assessments.

To appoint a Collector: his duties.

His remuneration.

Collector to give security.

Collector's powers.

*Thirdly.* To take possession and have the custody and safe keeping of all Common School property, which may have been acquired or given for Common School purposes in such section, and to acquire and hold as a Corporation, by any title whatsoever, any land, moveable property, moneys or income for Common School purposes, until the power hereby given shall be taken away or modified, according to law, and to apply the same according to the terms of acquiring or receiving them.

Trustees to have the possession and safe keeping of all the Common School property in their section.

*Fourthly.* To do whatever they may judge expedient with regard to the building, repairing, renting, warming, furnishing and keeping in order the section school-house, and its appendages, wood-house, privies, enclosures, lands, and moveable property, which shall be held by them, and for procuring

Providing school premises.