

Two or more districts may be united.

**33.** The School Commissioners or Trustees shall take care that there be a School in each School District, and may, when they deem it expedient, unite two or more Districts, and again separate them, and shall give notice to the Superintendent of Education of their having done so. 9 V. c. 27, s. 20.

COMMON SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AND TRUSTEES—THEIR  
ELECTION, POWERS AND DUTIES.

*Their Election.*

Meeting of householders for election of Commissioners.

**34.** There shall be held each year, on the first Monday in July, a general meeting of all the landholders and householders of each School Municipality, which meeting, if it be the first which is to be held in the Municipality for the election of a body of School Commissioners, shall be called by the Senior Justice of the Peace,—or, in his default, by any other resident Justice of the Peace,—or, in their default, by any three landholders,—by giving eight days previous public notice at the doors of the Churches or places of Public Worship, or if there be no Church or place of Public Worship, then by a notice posted at two of the most public places in such Municipality :

Senior acting School Commissioner to preside.

2. At such meeting the Senior Justice present, or in his default such other person as may be appointed by the meeting shall preside ;—And thereafter, at the general annual meeting for the election of School Commissioners, one of the Senior acting School Commissioners shall preside, provided that he be not a Minister of the Gospel, and if two Commissioners then present are of the same date in office, then the oldest by age shall preside;

In case the meeting is not held on the day appointed.

3. If, from any cause, such general meeting has been prevented from taking place on the first Monday in July, and the election could not therefore be proceeded with, such meeting may be held and the election may take place on any of the ensuing Mondays in the same month ;

Election may be continued.

4. And if any such election has been commenced on the first or any subsequent Monday in July, and has not been closed on the same day, it may be continued on the morrow, and the day after the morrow, if necessary, but not longer ;

Time for holding meetings.

5. The time for holding such meetings shall be from ten o'clock in the forenoon until five in the afternoon. 9 V. c. 27, s. 4.

Five Commissioners to be elected.

**35.** At each such meeting the persons qualified to vote shall elect five School Commissioners, or shall elect the number of Commissioners required to fill the vacancies caused by the retiring of such of the Commissioners as go out of office. 9 V. c. 27, s. 5.