

amount for which he shall be so assessed, within fifteen days after the same shall be demanded of him, or her, by or on behalf of such committee or trustees respectively, as aforesaid, or after a memorandum of the amount of such assessment, signed by the said committee or trustees, as the case may be, or a copy thereof, shall be left at the dwelling house of such inhabitant, it shall be lawful for the said committee or trustees, or any one or more of them respectively, in the name of the whole to sue for and prosecute the debtor before any Court of Commissioners for the recovery of small debts, or Justice of the Peace, by summons or otherwise, under such regulations as are by law prescribed for the recovery of small debts; and it shall be lawful at the hearing of such case, for the defendant, if he or she shall see fit, to plead the inequality of the rate, provided he or she give notice of his or her intention so to do, in writing, to such committee or trustees as aforesaid, as the case may be, or to one or more of them, in whose name or names the summons shall have been taken out, within forty-eight hours after the serving of the same; and if he or she shall so plead, then it shall be lawful for the said Court before which the summons shall be returnable, to hear such evidence as may be adduced by either party, and to vary the amount of the rate, and make an order for such amount of payment as justice may require.

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sessment.

LX. In the event of any dispute between any of the trustees or inhabitants of any district, and the teacher, as to his conduct as teacher, the trustees or inhabitants intending to prosecute such complaint, with the view of removing him from the school before the expiration of his agreement, shall be obliged to lodge, in writing, with the Board of Education, a statement of such complaint, and at the same time to send a copy thereof to the teacher; and the Board of Education may enquire unto such complaint in such way as to them may seem most fit, and the evidence as well on the part of the trustees or inhabitants in support of the charge or complaint, as on the part of the teacher in answer thereto, may be taken by affidavit or written depositions before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, to be nominated by the said Board for that purpose, not interested in the issue of the dispute, and transmitted to the said Board for their consideration and final decision thereon; provided always, that the said Board may, if they think fit, require the parties and their witnesses to appear personally before them in or touching the matter of any such investigation; and on such complaint being established, the said Board of Education may, in their discretion, supersede such teacher, and authorize the trustees of the district to engage another teacher in his place, although the term of the agreement with the teacher so suspended may not have expired; but such last

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