

School Commissioners shall hold competitive examination for appointment to scholarship.

make an appointment to such scholarship, to cause to be brought before them the youths who are offered as candidates for appointment and to examine personally into their fitness, moral and intellectual, taking care to select only such as appear capable of learning effectually the branches to be taught during the college course and to do credit to the institution. Such selection to be made as far as possible by competitive examination from among those candidates whose parents have not the means to pay for their education and maintenance at college.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 10, 1900.

#### CHAPTER 609.

AN ACT to encourage the development of Manufactures and Manufacturing Industries in Hagerstown and in other parts of Washington County, and to provide for the exemption of certain manufacturing establishments from municipal and county taxation.

Hagerstown. To encourage manufacturing industries.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in order to encourage the growth and development of manufacturing industries in Hagerstown and other parts of Washington County, the County Commissioners of said county are hereby authorized and empowered to exempt from county taxation, for a term not exceeding five years, manufacturing industries and establishments that shall be located in said county within a period of two years from the passage of this Act, and which shall employ regularly not less than twenty-five hands; the said County Commissioners to determine what manufacturing industries and establishments are within the meaning and purpose of this Act.

Exemption from municipal taxation for certain period.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown be and they are hereby authorized and empowered by a general ordinance to provide for the exemption from municipal taxation, for a term not exceeding five years, such manufacturing industries or establishments as they may deem proper and expedient, which shall be located in said town within a period of two years from the passage of this Act, and which shall employ regularly not less than twenty-five hands; the said Mayor and Council to determine what manufacturing industries and establishments are within the meaning and purpose of this Act.