

committee and the surveyor such compensation for his services as may be just and proper; they shall report the entire cost of dividing the county and the publication of the notices aforesaid to the county commissioners, who shall levy the amount as other county expenses are levied, and shall pay the same to the treasurer of the board of school commissioners, by whom it shall be paid to the parties to whom it may be due; if a county has already been divided into school districts, which it may be necessary to revise, the board of school commissioners shall have full power to make such revisions or alterations as may be necessary to accommodate the population and increase the efficiency of the schools; a full description of such changes and alterations shall also be made and recorded as aforesaid; the school districts shall be numbered in such manner as the state superintendent may direct; the mode of dividing the city of Baltimore into school districts, and of locating school houses, shall be fixed by the mayor and city council, and not be subject to the requirements of this section.

Ibid. s. 6.
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sioners.

27. It shall be the duty of the school commissioners, each for his own school district, subject to the provisions of the by-laws issued by the state board of education to employ teachers from among those persons who hold the proper certificate to attend to the distribution of books and stationery, requiring each pupil to pay in advance for the use of the same, unless exempted therefrom; to exercise a general supervision over the schools, visiting them at least once each term; to have the care and custody of all school houses, school furniture and apparatus, and school house sites; purchase fuel and provide for all incidental expenses, keep school houses and enclosures in repair, have shade trees planted, advise concerning the discipline and management and course of instruction pursued, require examination of the pupils in any or all branches of study, and to use their influence and exertions to increase the use-