

the people of the district raise the same amount annually; the books must be selected by the board of district school commissioners and teacher.

CHAPTER XVI.

The City of Baltimore.

Mayor, &c., to
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schools in Bal-
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Powers

How controlled

Proviso.

Annual report.

Mayor, &c., to
protect.

Levy a tax to
support

SEC. 1. The mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to establish in said city a system of free public schools, under such ordinances, rules and regulations as they may deem fit and proper to enact and prescribe; they may delegate supervisory powers and control to a board of school commissioners; may prescribe rules for building school houses and for locating, establishing and closing schools, and may in general do every act that may be necessary or proper in the premises.

2. The board of commissioners of public schools of Baltimore city, or by whatever name the body may be known that has supervisory powers and control over the public schools of Baltimore city, shall have power to examine, appoint and remove teachers, prescribe the qualifications, fix the salaries, subject to the approval of the mayor and city council, and select text books for the schools of said city; *provided*, such text books shall contain nothing of a sectarian or partisan character; the board of commissioners of public schools, of said city, shall annually make a report to the board of state school commissioners of the condition of the schools under their charge, to include a statement of expenditures, the number of children taught, and such other statistical information as may be necessary to exhibit the operation of the schools.

3. The said mayor and city council of Baltimore shall have power and authority to make all ordinances for the protection of the school houses and school property, and to punish any person who may disturb the sessions of the said public schools.

4. And the said mayor and city council are hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect upon