

mode directed in the original Act, and shall be signed by the trustees, or two of them; and the rates may be collected either by the Secretary in the manner provided by such Act, or they may at any time deliver to the Parish Collector a copy of the district assessment list, with a precept subscribed or endorsed thereon, requiring the collector to collect from the several persons named in such list, the sums set opposite their names respectively, as the amount of their School rates, and to pay the same when collected to the Secretary of the School Trustees.

31. It shall be the duty of every collector receiving said list and precept, at or about the time that he is collecting other Parish rates, to collect such School rates at the same time and in the same manner as he shall collect the Parish rates, and pay the same over as directed; but if the collector receives such list and precept at any other time, he may, if he shall so wish, proceed to such collection forthwith; the Parish collector shall be entitled with such School rates, and in addition thereto, to collect from the rate-payers the usual per centage allowed him for collecting Parish rates, not exceeding five per cent.

32. In any Act relating to the collection of rates, or to the rights and privileges of collectors, the word "Collector" may be taken to include the Secretary of School Trustees, or the collector acting under precept from the Trustees as aforesaid; and the Clerk of the Peace may certify any rate or proceeding thereon, and his certificate shall have effect in the same manner as provided in the collection of other rates.

33. School rates may be collected at any time after they shall have been imposed.

34. Any irregularity or defect in substance or form in the Parish assessment list, shall not affect the validity of any district assessment founded thereon.

35. If any errors in the preparation of the list submitted to the Clerk of the Peace as aforesaid, or in the assessment made thereon, be made, the Trustees may at any time before a subsequent rating correct such error.

36. Every district assessment made or to be made, shall be legal, if the aggregate amount thereof shall not exceed the amount ordered to be assessed more than ten per cent.

37. If the Sessions give relief to any person by reason of his having been over-rated by the Assessors of Rates, he shall, on request made upon the Trustees, and on producing a certificate from the Clerk of the Peace, be entitled to have his district assessment rectified in accordance therewith; and such excess shall not be collected, or if collected, shall be credited on his rate for the next year.

38. All sums ordered to be raised in a district may be brought together, and be assessed and levied in a single column, without distinguishing between the several purposes for which the same may have been voted, in case they were separately voted, and for no purpose of assessing or collecting need they be regarded as separate or several sums.

39. Whenever an assessment made by the Trustees of a district is quashed, annulled, or set aside, the Trustees shall forthwith cause a new assessment to be made and collected in the same manner as if the assessment were newly ordered, and any payment made by any rate-payer upon the former assessment, shall go in discharge of his rates under the new assessment, *pro tanto*; any excess of payment being repaid to him, and he being liable for any deficiency.

40. Whenever the Trustees of any district are unable to discharge the duties devolved upon them by section forty

two of the original Act, through failure of the School meeting to provide the necessary means, the Trustees may make an estimate of the amount required during the year in the discharge of their duties, including the means necessary to meet liabilities arising from any contract or agreement theretofore made, and to provide suitable school accommodation; and shall transmit such estimate to the Inspector, together with a list of all the residents of the district liable to a poll-tax for schools, so far as they shall be able to make such list, and a list duly certified by the Clerk of the Peace, of the amount of the taxable valuation of the property and income liable to be assessed in the district; and on receipt of the same, the Inspector shall report thereon to the Superintendent of Education, for the information of the Board of Education, who shall authorize the Trustees to levy and collect the amount of their estimate, or so much thereof as the Board shall deem proper, and such amount may be assessed and levied as if it had been authorized by the School meeting.

41. Persons above twenty years of age who desire to attend school in the district in which they reside, shall have the right to do so free of charge, if there is sufficient school accommodation.

42. In all meetings, one of the Trustees or the Secretary of the Trustees, or a person so authorized in writing by the Trustees or by the Inspector, shall call the meeting to order, and act as temporary Chairman, until the election of a Chairman as provided by section twenty four of the original Act, and in the election of Chairman, none but qualified voters shall vote, and the Chairman shall himself be a qualified voter, and shall have but one vote, and that in case of a tie.

43. If the Chairman of a meeting be elected Trustee, he shall make the declaration before the Secretary of the meeting, and a Trustee appointed by the Inspector shall, within ten days after notice of appointment, make the declaration before the Inspector, or any person by him authorized in writing to take the same.

44. Failure or refusal to take the declaration; refusal or continued failure to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees when notified; failure or refusal to call the annual meeting or special meetings, or post proper notices thereof; and failure or refusal to perform the duties, or exercise the powers imposed and conferred upon him as a Trustee, after written request shall have been made upon him by the Inspector to perform or exercise the same, shall constitute a declining to act under section thirty seven of the original Act.

45. The Inspector may appoint an Auditor whenever the annual meeting, or a meeting at which Trustees have been elected, has failed to do so.

46. The following words shall be added to Section fifty six of the original Act:—"or under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Revised Statutes, relating to 'Summary Convictions.'"

47. The words "seven years" shall be substituted for "two years" in section fifty four of the original Act.

48. The bond given by the Secretary of any Board of School Trustees shall, so long as it shall remain uncanceled, or a new bond be taken, be deemed a continuing security during his continuance in office, although in terms for one year.

49. The Inspector may in writing require the Trustees of any district to exempt from district rates, in whole or in part,