

districts, and appoint one of the trustees so as aforesaid elected, to meet at the county town of their several and respective counties, to form a board for the purposes mentioned in this act; and the said trustees or a majority of them, when as aforesaid convened, shall then and there take the following oath: I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of a trustee to the district schools of _____ county, according to the best of my skill and judgment. And the said trustees, when so as aforesaid convened and qualified as aforesaid at the county town, shall by a plurality of votes, proceed to apportion the sum of money granted by this act among the several election districts in such sums as shall be deemed by them most equitable and just, and the best calculated to produce an uniform distribution of the benefits intended to grow out of this act?" Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. C. Dorsey, the question was put, That the following be inserted after the last amendment to wit:

"And whereas, the revenue of this state will not permit such a general diffusion of education as the general assembly desire; and as all the citizens have an equal claim to participate in the general fund, appropriated by this act: Therefore be it enacted, That the district trustees, so as aforesaid elected, shall have full power and authority to divide the several districts into as many subdivisions as may be consistent with the convenience and the best calculated to enable those residing within their respective districts to participate in the diffusion of education; and in each of which said subdivisions, a school be held for one year in regular rotation, so that each subdivision shall in regular succession have a school; which said subdivision shall be made, and the succession specified before any of the schools shall be opened, and which said subdivision shall not be altered till all of them shall have their rotation of schools?"

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

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| <i>Messrs.</i> | Grahame | Long | Handy | Riggs |
| R. Neale | Rogerson | Smoot | Shriver | Owens |
| Plater | Stonestreet | Griffith | Willis | Blair |
| Frisby | C. Dorsey | Somervell | Jump | Cresap |
| A. Dorsey | Waller | Wilson | Downey | Howard—25. |
| Reynolds | | | | |

NEGATIVE.

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| <i>Messrs.</i> | Harryman | Groome | Little | Bowles |
| Marriott | Brown | Moffitt | T. Jones | T. B. Hall |
| Belt | Stevens | T. Williams | Street | A. Jones |
| Z. Duvall | Wainwright | L. Duvall | Tillotson | Evans |
| Parnham | Enalls | Burgess | Bayard | Tomlinson—28. |
| Randall | Bennett | Emory | Pechin | |

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. C. Dorsey, the question was put, That the following be added after the last amendment:

"AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said district trustees shall have full and ample power to appropriate the money so as