

Appointment of School Trustees, Tenure of Office Under School Trustees, Term of Office Under Appointment.

School trustees appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools hold office until the next annual school election.

Helena, Montana, March 19, 1909.

Mr. William McBride, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Culbertson, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 16th inst., requesting opinion of this office "as to whether or not school trustees who have been appointed by Supt. of Schools, hold office longer than till first school election?"

Section 870 of the Revised Codes of Montana of 1907, which has reference to Trustees of a New District; provides as follows:

"When a new district is organized, such trustees of the old as reside within the limits of the new one shall be trustees in the new district, and the county superintendent must appoint the remaining trustees for the new and the old districts, who shall hold office until the next annual school election."

You are therefore advised that the trustees appointed by the County Superintendent hold office only until the next succeeding school election.

Very truly yours,
ALBERT J. GALEN,
Attorney General.