

in the City of Baltimore for three consecutive years next preceeding the date of their appointment who shall be known as 'The Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore.'

"Two of said commissioners shall always be adherents of the two leading political parties in the State, one of each of said parties. Any of said commissioners shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency, in the manner provided by law in the case of other civil officers. Each of said commissioners shall be appointed for two years, and they shall severally hold office until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Each commissioner shall receive a salary of twenty five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly. None of said commissioners shall be eligible to an elective or appointive office during the term for which he was appointed, except under the Militia laws of the State or where the qualifications for such office, are prescribed by the Constitution of Maryland, or of the United States.

"Before entering upon the duties of his office each commissioner shall enter into a bond to the State of Maryland, with one or more sureties, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such commissioner, said bond to be approved by the Judge of the Superior Court of the City of Baltimore, and to be kept and recorded by the clerk of said court in the office thereof, together with the certificate of appointment as aforesaid; and shall also take and subscribe before the Judge of said Superior Court, or the clerk thereof, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the sixth section of the first Article of the Canstitution of Maryland, and the further oath or affirmation that in every appoinment, promotion, reduction in rank, or removal to be made by them, in, to or from the police force created and organized under this subdivision of this Article, they will in no case or under no pretext appoint, promote, reduce in rank, or remove any policeman or officer of police or detective, or any other person under them, for or on account of the political opinions or affiliations of such policeman or officer of police, or detective or any other person, or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person, in the