

**Term of office.** Constitution. As the term of office of any commissioner shall expire, as designated above, his successor shall be appointed for two years, subject to the foregoing provisions and limitations. Before entering upon the duties of his office, each commissioner shall enter into 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 said judge of the Superior Court, or the clerk thereof, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the sixth section of the first Article of the Constitution, and the further oath or affirmation, that in every appointment, promotion, reduction in rank or removal to be made by them to, in or from the police force created and organized under this subdivision of this Article, they will in no case, and 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, officer, detective or other person, or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person, in the best judgment of said commissioners, for the place to which he shall be appointed or from which he shall be removed, and the said oath or affirmation shall be recorded and preserved among the records of said court.

Duties,  
appointments,  
etc.

741. The Board of Police Commissioners, on entering upon their duties as such, shall select one of their number who shall be the president, and one of their number who shall be the treasurer thereof; all votes on appointments into the police force, and on promotions, reductions in rank therein, and dismissals of officers therefrom, and all votes awarding contracts or for the expenditures of any money shall be by a yea and nay vote, which shall be plainly recorded in the minute book of the Board of Police Commissioners, showing how each member of the Board has voted on each of said questions. This minute book shall at all times be open under reasonable regulations to the inspection of the public. In case of the death, resignation, removal or disqualification of any commissioner, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the remainder of the term so vacated, subject to the provisions of the foregoing section, and of the Constitution of the State; provided, that the present Board of Police Commissioners