

entitled to representatives in both houses of the General Assembly. The term of service of these commissioners shall commence on the first Tuesday in January next succeeding their election, and shall continue for two years thereafter or until their successors shall have entered on the discharge of their duties. Each such board of commissioners shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties heretofore possessed and performed by the commissioners or Levy Court of the county until otherwise provided by law, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this constitution to pass an act, prescribing and defining the powers and duties of the boards of commissioners, so as to render these uniform throughout the State. The Legislature shall confer on these boards full power to regulate the municipal affairs of the respective counties, including the opening, altering and closing of county roads, the building of county bridges and edifices and the management and control of all county property, together with such additional local legislative and administrative powers as may be deemed expedient.

Sec. 2nd. Every commissioner of a county shall receive out of the county treasury three dollars per diem, besides three cents for each mile travelled over in going to and returning from the county seat, for each day of his attendance at the sittings of his board.

Sec. 3rd. The commissioners of each county, as soon as may be, after their first election, under this constitution shall proceed to divide such county into election districts compact in form and nearly equal in size so that no such district shall contain more than five hundred voters. A distinct description of the metes and bounds of the districts so established shall be recorded in the office of each board and published for the information of the inhabitants of the county. And whenever, after any election, it shall appear that more than five hundred votes have been cast in any election district, it shall be the duty of the existing board of commissioners for the county in which such district may be situated, to divide the same into two others in the manner above prescribed.

Sec. 4th. The commissioners of the respective counties shall, on or before the first day of June in each year, designate three justices of the peace, in and for election district, to serve as judges of all elections to be holden in such district, until the same period of the following year.

Sec. 5th. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county, on the first Wednesday of November eighteen hundred and fifty one, and every two years thereafter a county treasurer, whose duties be the same as those of the treasurer of Baltimore county now are or as may be hereafter prescribed by law.

Sec. 6th. The county commissioners shall fill all vacancies occurring in their own number or in the subordinate county officers, not otherwise provided for herein, until the expiration of their respective terms of office.

Sec. 7th. The county commissioners shall fix the rates of com-