

they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and shall hold regular sessions in the city of Annapolis, on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October in each year, and oftener if necessary, at which sessions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the public works of the State, and as the general assembly may confer upon them the power to decide.

Sec. 2. They shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision of all public works in which the State may be interested as stockholder or creditor, and shall appoint the directors in every railroad or canal company in which the State has the legal power to appoint directors, which said directors shall represent the State in all meetings of the stockholders of every railroad or canal company in which the State is a stockholder; they shall require the directors of all said public works, from time to time, and as often as there shall be any change in the rates of toll on any of said works to furnish said board of public works a schedule of such modified rates of toll, and shall use all legal powers which they may possess to obtain the establishment of rates of toll, which may prevent an injurious competition with each other, to the detriment of the interests of the State, and so to adjust them as to promote the agricultural interest of the State; they shall report to the general assembly at each regular session, and recommend such legislation as they shall deem necessary and requisite to promote or protect the interests of the State in the said public works; they shall perform such other duties as may be hereafter prescribed by law, and a majority of them shall be competent to act. The governor, comptroller and treasurer shall receive no additional salary for services rendered by them as members of the board of public works.

The next section relates to the commissioner of the land office. The committee recommend that the word "the" in the second line be inserted before the word "Tuesday." In the sixth line strike out the words "the first day of January next after his election," and insert "the first Monday in January ensuing his election." In the eighth line strike out the word "any" before the word "two." In the eighth, ninth and tenth lines, after the expression "shall direct a new election to be held by writs to the sheriffs of the several counties," add "and of the city of Baltimore." In the event of a tie between two or more candidates, the governor in ordering a new election will then issue writs not only to the sheriffs of the several counties, but also to the sheriff of Baltimore city, which is an important matter, as the election for a commissioner of the land office is by general ticket throughout the State. In the thirteenth and fourteenth lines after striking out the words "and shall be keeper of the chancery records," insert "and shall also be the keeper

of the chancery records." In the seventeenth line strike out the words "the said commissioner of the land office," and insert the word "he" in place of them. At the end of the section add the following clause:

"In case of vacancy in land office by death, resignation, or other cause, the governor shall fill such vacancy until the next general election for members of the general assembly thereafter, when a commissioner of the land office shall be elected for the full term of six years ensuing."

The fourth section relates to the State librarian. The committee recommend that the words "the legislature" in the fourth line be stricken out, and in their place be inserted the words "and the general assembly." In the fifth line strike out the word "an" and substitute the word "any." Add the following clause at the end of the section: "In case of a vacancy in the office of State librarian from death, resignation or other cause, the governor shall fill such vacancy until the next meeting of the general assembly thereafter, and until a successor be elected and qualified."

The next section provides for the election of county commissioners; their compensation; their powers and their duties. As it stood after its adoption in convention it was enumerated as section four, instead of section five, and reads thus:

"The county commissioners shall be elected by general ticket by the voters of the several counties. An election for county commissioners shall be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, 1865; as nearly one half as may be of said commissioners shall hold their office for two years, and the other half for four years, and at the first meeting after their election and qualification, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall determine by lot which of their number shall hold his office for two and four years respectively, and thereafter there shall be elected as aforesaid, at each general election for county officers, county commissioners for four years to fill the places of those whose term has expired; said commissioners shall exercise such powers and perform such duties only as the legislature may from time to time prescribe; but such powers and duties shall be similar, and the tenure of office uniform throughout the State, and the legislature shall have power to pass such laws as may be necessary for determining the number for each county, fixing the salary, and ascertaining and defining the powers, duties, and tenure of office of said commissioners, and the commissioners elected under this constitution shall have and exercise all the powers and duties in their respective counties, now exercised by the county commissioners under the laws of the State, and they shall receive the same salary, and their present number in