

the several counties; it is a fee office; their duties, to hold inquests on bodies of certain deceased persons: but coroners not to hold inquest where cause of death is by accident, violence or in other manner, except when the party died in jail, or a strong suspicion exists that the party came to his death by a felony; bond, \$3,000, to be approved by the judges of the Orphan's Court, and recorded in the Superior Court in Baltimore city, or in the Circuit Court in the counties; the coroner may compel the attendance of a physician; the coroner must have the deceased buried; the coroner shall act in the place of the sheriff when he is disqualified. (Article 22 of the Code.) There is one coroner for each police station in the city of Baltimore at \$1,000 a year; bond of \$2,000 required, to be approved by the judge of the Superior Court. Coroner required appointed every two years, from the first Monday in May. (P. L. L., Art. 4, 148, Act of 1892, chapter 15, and Act of 1894, chapter 84.)

County Commissioners.—County Commissioners are a body corporate; elected by the people, and their terms are six years; vacancies are filled by the Governor; they shall make the annual levy before the first of July in each year; they shall provide for the collection of the levy; provide for the county expenditures; pay no claim without a voucher; shall publish annually a statement, minute and detailed, of expenses; they shall not be interested in any contracts with the county; shall have control of the public roads, bridges, and the assessment of property; may appoint commissioner to drain lands; may establish meridian lines; open private road where land owner or occupants are entitled to road to public places; may establish public landings; establish and control almshouses; buy a lot for school purposes; impose the State taxes; provide public ferries; may suspend sales of property advertised for sale for non-payment of taxes; may provide for the taxation of dogs; must provide a safe repository for wills; must appoint a keeper of weights and measures. No bond; salary in the several counties variable. (Articles 25, 4, 5, 22, 24, 26, 30, 33, 35, 37, 39, 43, 51, 59, 77, 81, 93, 97, of the Code.)

County Commissioners, clerks and mayors must safely keep election returns. (Sec. 72, Acts of 1896, ch. 202.)

County Commissioners to revise assessments. (Acts of 1896, ch. 120, sec. 166.) Books of assessment in the counties to be filed with said board. (*Ibid*, sec. 183.)