

Vacancies;
president.

which shall be by the said clerk recorded, certify in a form similar to the certificate of the election of delegates, that the ten persons by name, residents respectively of the election districts aforesaid in said county, who they shall ascertain to have received the greatest number of legal votes in the districts as aforesaid, in which they shall severally reside, are duly elected commissioners for Allegany county, to serve for the period of two years from the date of their said election; and that the persons elected commissioners as aforesaid, shall, out of their own body, elect their president; and if any commissioner or commissioners, so elected, shall die, resign, refuse or neglect, for twenty days after the notification of his election, to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from said county at any time within the period for which he shall have been elected, the governor and council for the time being, shall appoint a person qualified, as is herein before directed, in case of an original election, to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus occasioned, until the next annual election for delegates to the general assembly, when a person or persons shall be elected in the district where such commissioner or commissioners, so dying, resigning, or refusing, or neglecting to qualify, or removing from the county as aforesaid, was or were elected, in like manner as at first, with like qualifications, as such commissioner or commissioners, to serve for the residue of his or their said terms.

Oath.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That every commissioner elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe, before some judge or justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation, that he will faithfully, diligently, and impartially exercise the powers, and perform the duties of commissioner for Allegany county, as authorized and enjoined by law, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without being influenced by favour, affection, hatred, malice, or ill will; and that he will, in making all appointments to office, vote for such person among those willing to accept thereof, as in his judgment and belief shall be most capable and best qualified to perform the duties of such office; which oath shall be recorded in a book to be kept by the clerk, among the records of Allegany county court.

Corporate
powers.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners elected or appointed as aforesaid, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style, and title, of 'The Commissioners of Allegany County,' and by that name shall have continued and perpetual succession, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, of making and using a corporate [*] and of altering the same at their pleasure; of taking, holding, selling, and conveying, all

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