

by a convention of the two branches of the city council, biennially, to be commissioned by the mayor, removable nevertheless, at pleasure, by a convention of the said two branches. But vacancies in office, happening in the recess of the sessions, shall be filled as heretofore.

Register, how to be appointed.

See 1828, ch. 114, as to the power of appointments.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the thirtieth day of September next, the number of electors of mayor, shall be the same as the number of wards in the city.* And for the purpose of accomplishing more effectually the objects intended by the act, entitled 'an act providing for the appointment of bailiffs for the city of Baltimore,'† the bailiffs of the said city, whose appointment shall be made in the manner of other city officers, and whose number shall not be less than five, may exercise all the powers, be entitled to all the emoluments, and shall perform all the duties of constables, within the limits of the city; *Provided*, that they shall first take the oaths, and execute the bonds, (with security satisfactory to the mayor,) which are prescribed by law for constables.

Number of electors of mayor.

Appointment and number of bailiffs, &c.

*See 1832, ch. 206, sec. 1, by which the electors of mayor are dispensed with.

†See 1812, ch. 194, relating to the appointment of bailiffs.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore, shall have power to lay and collect direct taxes, on the assessment of private property within the city, to such amount as shall be thought necessary for the public or city purposes;* and may enforce the collection of all dues and impositions, except fines, penalties and forfeitures, in the same manner, as is now provided with respect to city taxes. And tenants in possession, shall be liable to the payment of taxes imposed upon premises occupied by them, without its operating, however, to alter the nature of contracts between landlords and tenants.

Power of taxation.

Liability of tenants.

By 1830, ch. 139, sec. 3, the corporation may raise by direct taxation \$120,000, or raise in any one year, by direct taxation, and all other sources of taxation, a sum not exceeding \$220,000, and by 1838, ch. 208, \$350,000 annually.

*1833, ch. 143, limits the amount of taxes for 'corporation expenses' to \$200,000.

By 1838, ch. 168, the mayor and city council are authorized to collect by taxation, a sum necessary to pay the principal and interest of any debt now due, or which may hereafter be contracted for the purposes of internal improvement.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That in case any person called upon to pay any tax, due, or imposition levied, or imposed by the said corporation, shall deny their right to impose or collect the same, the collector shall not proceed to enforce the payment thereof by distress and sale of the party's goods; *Provided*,

Collection of taxes.