

missioners so dying, resigning, refusing, neglecting to qualify, or removing from the county as aforesaid, was elected.

Modified by 1837, ch. 278.

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 Cecil 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, 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 among the records of Cecil county court.

Oath prescribed.

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 Cecil 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 seal, and of altering the same; of taking, holding, selling and conveying all kinds of estates, property and effects, and of doing all such acts as shall be necessary to the exercise of all powers which are or shall be vested in them by this act, or any other act of assembly, as fully and effectually as corporate bodies may or can lawfully and rightfully do.

Corporate powers granted.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That when and as soon as the commissioners to be elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall have taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation herein before described, all the powers, rights and privileges, lawfully exercised by, and all property, estate, and effects, vested in the former commissioners of Cecil county, shall be transferred to and vested in the commissioners for Cecil county, elected by virtue of this act, who, or any three of them, shall thereafter exercise all the said powers, rights and privileges, and shall perform all the duties required to be performed by the said former commissioners of said county, after they shall have become qualified as aforesaid.

Rights and powers vested.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners for Cecil county shall, at their annual meetings, appoint a well qualified, fit and proper person, a resident of said county, to act and serve as clerk to the said commissioners, who shall transact all the business, and discharge all the duties by law authorized and required to be transacted by the clerk of the former com-

Clerk.