

returning judges shall ascertain and certify the number of votes given as aforesaid for commissioners, the said certificate shall be made out and filed by the said returning judges of election, in form similar to the certificates of the election of delegates, to be delivered to the clerk of the county court, whose duty it shall be to record the same, and the two persons resident as aforesaid in the first commissioners' district, and the three residents in the second commissioners' district, and the two resident in the third commissioners' district, who shall be ascertained by the said returning judges to have received the largest number of votes in the whole county at the said election, shall be declared to be duly elected commissioners for Dorchester county; and the said commissioners, elected as aforesaid, shall have, use and exercise all the powers and authority vested heretofore in the levy court of said county, and the said commissioners, at their first meeting after their election and qualification, shall be divided into three classes, and the two persons elected commissioners from the first commissioners' district, shall constitute the first class, and shall continue in office until the annual election in October, eighteen hundred and forty, and until the election and qualification of their successors; the three persons elected commissioners from the second commissioners' district, shall constitute the second class, and shall continue in office until the annual election in October, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and until the election and qualification of their successors; and the two persons elected commissioners from the third commissioners' district, shall constitute the third class, and shall continue in office until the annual election in October, eighteen hundred and forty-two, and until the election and qualification of their successors.

Classification.

1st class.

2d class.

3d class.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That at the annual election in October, eighteen hundred and forty, two commissioners, possessing the qualifications required in the third section of this act, and residents of the first commissioners' district, shall be elected by the qualified voters of Dorchester county, in the same manner as the delegates to the general assembly are by law directed to be elected; and shall be certified and returned, and the certificate and returns shall be recorded, as required in the third section of this act, to supply the places of the commissioners of the first class; and in like manner, three commissioners qualified as aforesaid, and residents in the second commissioners' district, shall be elected at the annual election in eighteen hundred and forty-one, to supply the places of the commissioners of the second class, and in like manner two commissioners qualified as aforesaid, and residents in the third commissioners' district, shall be elected at the annual election in eighteen hundred and forty-two, to supply the places of the

Election 1840.

Election 1841.

Election 1842.