

the house of delegates of Maryland, shall on the first Wednesday of October, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and at the same time every three years thereafter, vote for one person possessing the qualifications hereafter required, to be commissioner of the tax for Saint Mary's county, from said district.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to the qualifications now requisite to be eligible to a seat in the house of delegates of Maryland, the person voted for as commissioner, shall have residence for at least one year immediately preceding the election in the district in which said election is held.

Qualifications for commissioners.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the judges of election for each election district in said county, or a majority of them, shall certify and return in a form and manner similar to the certificates and returns of the election of delegates aforesaid, the number of votes given in their said respective districts, for a commissioner aforesaid; and having ascertained the person for whom the highest number of legal votes was given, they also shall certify and return to the clerk of Saint Mary's county court, the person whom they shall so ascertain to have received the highest number of legal votes to be duly elected commissioner for Saint Mary's county, from said district, to serve for three years, from the date of his election, which certificate shall be deposited within three days after the election, with the clerk of Saint Mary's county, by said judges respectively, and which shall be by said clerk, recorded in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and the persons elected as commissioners aforesaid, shall out of their body elect their president, and if any commissioner or commissioners so elected, shall die, resign, refuse, or neglect for twenty days after the election, to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from the said county at any time within the period for which he shall have been elected, the remaining commissioners who have properly qualified, or a majority of them, shall appoint a person qualified, as is herein before provided, in case of an original election, to fill his place until the next annual election for delegates to the general assembly, when a person shall be elected in the manner herein before described, in the district where such commissioner or commissioners so dying, resigning, refusing, neglecting to qualify, or removing from the county as aforesaid, was elected to serve for the residue of his or their said terms.

Conducting of elections.

Returns thereof.

To be recorded.

Elect a president.

Case of vacancy.

SEC. 7. *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 Saint Mary's county, as authorized

Oath of office.