

exercised, and performed by the commissioners for Talbot county, when they shall be qualified as aforesaid, and a majority of the commissioners for Talbot county shall perform all the duties of commissioners of the tax, and justices of the levy court, for Talbot county.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid, shall, at their annual meeting, appoint one well qualified, fit and proper person, to act and serve as clerk to the commissioners as aforesaid, and when so appointed, shall transact all the business, and discharge all the duties now appertaining to the several and respective offices of clerk to the commissioners of the tax and the justices of the levy court, in the same manner as the clerk of the commissioners of the tax, and the clerk of the county courts, are now by law severally authorized and required to perform; and the person so appointed as clerk to the commissioners as aforesaid, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond to the state of Maryland, with such security as the commissioners for Talbot county may approve, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the several and respective duties hereby imposed, which shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the county court for Talbot county, and a copy thereof, under the seal of the said court, shall be as sufficient evidence as the original; and the said clerk, when so appointed, shall also take and subscribe the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to wit: 'I, A. B. do swear or affirm, as the case may be, that as clerk of the commissioners for Talbot county, I will honestly and faithfully, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of said office, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, so help me God;' which oath, or affirmation, any one of the commissioners are hereby authorized to administer; and the said clerk shall be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures for non-performance or neglect of official duty, as are prescribed by the existing laws, in relation, as well to the several matters and things which the clerk of the county court of said county may be legally directed and required to perform, under the authority of the levy court, as likewise to those which appertain to the office of the present clerk of the commissioners of the tax for Talbot county.

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SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of clerk to the commissioners as created by this act, in consequence of death, resignation, removal or disqualification, the same shall be supplied as soon thereafter as may be practicable, in the manner prescribed and directed by the preceding section of this act.