

affirmation shall be recorded in a book to be kept among the records of Washington county:

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 Washington 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 estate, 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 by any other act of assembly, as fully and effectually as corporate bodies may or can lawfully and rightfully do.

Corporate powers.

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 power, rights and privileges, lawfully exercised by, and all property, estate and effects, vested in the justices of the levy court of Washington county, and commissioners of the tax, shall be transferred to, and vested in the commissioners of Washington county, who, or a majority 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 justices of the levy court for Washington county, and no appointment of justices of the levy court of Washington county, shall thereafter be made, and all the powers lawfully exercised by, or vested in the commissioners of the tax for Washington county, and all the duties required by law to be performed by them, shall be vested in, and exercised and performed by the said commissioners for Washington county, after they shall have become qualified as aforesaid.

Powers, &c. of levy court and commissioners of tax transferred.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of Washington 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 now appertaining to the several and respective offices of clerk of the levy court and commissioners of the tax, in the same manner as the clerk of Washington county court, and clerk of the commissioners of the tax for said county, are now by law severally authorized and required to transact the same, and the person so appointed, shall before he enters upon the duties of his office, execute a bond to the state of Maryland, to be approved of by the said commissioners, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful perform-

Clerk; bond; oath; penalties.