

tion district, as soon as practicable, and at all elections thereafter to be held in said Howard district alone, or as a part of Anne Arundel county, the voters within the limits of each of said election districts, shall vote at the place where the election is to be held in such district.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That at the next annual election, and at each annual election thereafter, the voters of each of said election districts, who are now or may at the time of the election be qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, shall vote at their respective places of voting, for one person who shall be a resident of such election district, and who has the same qualifications as candidates for the house of delegates, and it shall be the duty of the judges of election to make such returns of said election as is by law required in case of an election for sheriff, and the three persons thus elected from the three election districts, shall constitute a board of commissioners, who shall be styled the commissioners of Howard district, and shall continue in office for one year from the time of election, and until their successors have qualified, and shall have within said Howard district, all the powers, rights and duties, and be subject to all the liabilities which now appertain to the county commissioners of Anne Arundel county, and such further as may be imposed upon them by this or any other act of assembly; and upon the election and qualification of such commissioners, they shall assume all the rights and duties, and possess themselves of every thing belonging to the preceding board of commissioners, and the powers and rights of the county commissioners shall cease and determine within the limits of Howard district, upon the passage of this act, except so far as powers may be specially conferred upon them by this act; and the said district shall have the same right and power to acquire and hold property, that any county of this state has.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That if any commissioner shall die, resign, refuse to serve, remove from the district in which he was chosen, or neglect to qualify within thirty days, as commissioner, or in case of a tie, the remaining commissioner or commissioners, shall appoint some person or persons to fill such vacancy from the election district from which such commissioner or commissioners shall have been respectively elected, or in which there shall be a tie.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners of the district shall have authority, and it shall be their duty to appoint for each of said three election districts, a number of constables not exceeding five, and who shall in all respects qualify as the constables of Anne Arundel county now do; and the said commissioners shall also appoint one person within said Howard district, as the collector of the tax, and such per-