

on the same day and place, when and where they meet to ascertain and certify the number of votes given as aforesaid for commissioners, and they shall also certify and return to the clerk of Charles county court, the seven persons whom they shall find to have received the highest number of legal votes, as the duly elected commissioners for Charles county, to serve for three years from the time of said election, which certificates shall be deposited with the clerk of Charles county court by said judges, and which shall be by said clerk filed in his office for the inspection of any person or persons desirous to inspect the same. And the persons elected as commissioners as aforesaid, shall elect one of their body as their president; and if any commissioner or commissioners so elected, shall die, resign, refuse or neglect within sixty days to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from said county at any time within the period for which they shall have been elected, the remaining commissioners, having 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 general election for delegates to the general assembly, when a person or persons shall be elected in the manner herein before described to fill the vacancy or vacancies so occasioned by deaths, resignations, refusal or neglect to qualify, to serve for the residue of his or their terms.

Case of
failure to
elect.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in case of a failure to elect seven commissioners, by reason of a tie, it shall be the duty of the sheriff of Charles county, upon receiving official information of the fact from the clerk of said county, to appoint a day for holding a new election for a commissioner or commissioners, upon at least ten days notice, exclusive of the day of holding such election, and the judges of election shall hold the same under the regulations herein before provided, for the regular election of commissioners for said county, and make their returns in the same manner.

Commis-
sioners to
qualify.

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 be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland, that he will support the constitution and laws thereof, that he will to the best of his skill and judgment diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of commissioner of Charles county according to the constitution and laws of the state; which oath or affirmation, certified and subscribed by the judge or justice of the peace administering the same, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of said county court.