

139. The clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, upon application for license for the purpose mentioned in the preceding section, and upon payment of forty dollars, shall issue such license, and such license shall be renewed annually.

140. Any person offending against the provisions of the 138th section of this article, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered as small debts.

PORT DEPOSIT.

141. The citizens of the village of Port Deposit in Cecil county are a body politic by the name of "The President and Commissioners of the Village of Port Deposit," and as such may sue and be sued, and do all other acts as natural persons; may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property, and dispose of the same for the benefit of said village, and may have and use a common seal, which may be broken and altered at pleasure.

142. All free white male inhabitants of the said village, above twenty-one years of age, who shall have bona fide resided in said village for the space of six months, and twelve months in this State, next preceding the election, shall, on the last Monday in February in each year, at such house as shall be designated as the town hall by the president and commissioners, elect five judicious and discreet persons who shall have resided within the limits of the said village for at least twelve months preceding the election, as commissioners for said village.

143. All such elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the by-laws of the corporation, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article.

144. If any of said commissioners during the year for which he may be elected shall die, resign, remove from said village, or be otherwise disqualified, an election to fill said vacancy shall be held, at which all the persons qualified to vote as hereinbefore mentioned shall be entitled to vote.

145. If the inhabitants of said village shall at any time neglect to make an election at the time herein mentioned, the power of electing commissioners shall not cease, but the right and power of said inhabitants in that respect shall continue, and