

become incapable of acting, the county commissioners of said county, at their first meeting thereafter, shall elect one of the inhabitants of said county, in the place of said trustee.

5. The said county commissioners shall also annually elect a person qualified as aforesaid to be a trustee in the stead of the first named or eldest of said trustees in point of service, and the said eldest trustee shall thenceforth be discharged from his office.

6. The person so elected, before acting as trustee, shall, before some other of said trustees, take the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as trustee for the poor of Talbot county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God."

7. Any person who shall be elected a trustee for the poor who shall wilfully refuse or delay to take upon him the said office, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-five dollars; but no person shall be compellable to serve or liable to said penalty for refusing in less than three years after he has served or paid said penalty.

8. The said trustees, or a majority of them, shall meet at the alms-house in said county between the first and tenth days of August in each year, and appoint a fit person to be overseer of said alms-house, and such other proper officers as they may think necessary.

9. They, or a majority of them, may remove said overseer and all other officers by them appointed, at their pleasure, and appoint others in their place.

10. They may allow said overseer such compensation as they think proper.

11. They shall require the said overseer to give bond, with security by them approved, payable to them, in the penalty of five hundred dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

12. They shall meet at the alms-house in said county four times in the year, in the first week in January, May, August and