

*An Act to provide for the appointment of Commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester Counties.* Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 188.

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WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that it would greatly contribute to the advantage and improvement of Salisbury, in Somerset and Worcester counties, that the same should be placed under the care and regulation of certain commissioners, to be elected by the citizens thereof, and vested with sufficient powers to forward and effect the purposes intended, therefore,

Preamble.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That five judicious and discreet persons, residing in the said town, or within three miles thereof, and possessed of landed property within the said town in his own right, or in right of his wife, of the value of one hundred dollars, shall be elected by ballot, on the second Monday in March, in the year eighteen hundred and twelve, at the house of Ann Chaille, in the said town, by the free white male inhabitants thereof, above the age of one and twenty years, and having resided within the limits of the said town for the space of one year next preceding the election, and having property in possession of the value of thirty dollars, and by such other persons as are hereinafter authorised to vote at such election; and the five persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of votes at the close of the election, shall be declared to be duly elected the commissioners of the said town, and shall have and exercise the several powers and authorities delegated to them by this act; and every free white male person, above the age of one and twenty years, and having a freehold estate, or leasehold property for a term exceeding one and twenty years, within the limits of the said town, shall likewise have a right to vote in the election of the said commissioners, notwithstanding such person may not be resident therein.

Election of commissioners and what description of persons shall be entitled to vote.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the commissioners so chosen shall assemble on the first Monday in April next ensuing their election, at such place as a majority of them shall fix upon in the said town, and arrange and number themselves into five classes by lot; and the office of the commissioner of the first class shall determine at the expiration of one year after his election; the office of the commissioner of the second class, at the expiration of two years; the office of the commissioner of the third class, at the expiration of three years; the office of the commissioner of the fourth class, at the expiration of four years; and the office of the commissioner of the fifth class, at the expiration of five years; and the vacancy thus successively occasioned by the determination of their respective offices, shall be supplied by an election of a judicious and discreet person, resident and qualified as aforesaid, to be made at such place as the commissioners shall appoint in the said town, by the inhabitants and others qualified to vote as aforesaid, on the second Monday of March in every year; and the person so elected shall remain in office for the term of five years, and the succession of the said commissioners be so continued as that one commissioner shall be chosen annually.

Commissioners to meet and arrange themselves into classes by lots. Their respective terms of service