

of said Clerk and of said Register, shall be liable for ^{Liabie.} the loss or destruction of any of said records, not so kept in said vaults.

Approved March 22, 1876.

CHAPTER 86.

AN ACT to repeal sections seven, seventeen, twenty and twenty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter two hundred and fifty-one, and re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections seven, seventeen, twenty and twenty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter two hundred and fifty-one, be, and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Repealed and re-enacted.

7. *Be it enacted,* That the burgess and assistant burgess and commissioners shall each qualify as such before a justice of the peace of Washington county, by making oath that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their skill and judgment, without fear, favor or partiality, a copy of which oath, with a certificate of the justice administering the same shall be entered upon the journal of proceedings of the corporation; but if they, or either of the officers elected shall fail to qualify within ten days after the election, the person or persons so elected and failing to qualify, shall be deemed as having declined to accept the same, and an election shall thereupon be held as provided for in section five, chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and the burgess and assistant burgess shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected and duly qualified, and the commissioners shall continue in office until a majority of their successors shall be elected and duly qualified.

Qualify.

Fail to qualify