

CHAP. 145.

Wise's addition to Middletown, in Frederick county, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown, with all the privileges of a body corporate, to have a common seal and perpetual succession.

Election of Burgess
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Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the free white male citizens of Middletown aforesaid, within the corporate limits of the said town, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and having resided in the said town for and during the space of six months next preceding the election, shall on the first Monday in April next, at the house now occupied by William Perry, and on the first Monday in March in every succeeding year thereafter at such place as the Burgess and Commissioners may direct, elect by ballot, a Burgess and five commissioners, who shall have resided within the corporate limits of the said town twelve months next preceding the day of said election.

Conducting first
election

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That a justice of the peace for the time being, residing in the said town, shall appoint by writing under his hand and seal, one judge to hold the first election, who shall keep the polls open from nine o'clock in the morning until two in the evening; and shall conduct the said election in the manner in which judges of the elections are now directed by law to conduct an election for delegates to the General Assembly, as far as may be consistent with the provisions of this act; and the said judge shall make two returns under his hand and seal, of the persons elected, one for the clerk of Frederick county, to be by him safe kept, the other to the Burgess and commissioners of said town.

Subsequent elec-
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Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the bye-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Meetings—organi-
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Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Burgess and commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, may meet together from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the town, and not less than once in every three months, at which meeting the said Burgess shall preside; and if during the year for which they may be elected any of the five commissioners should die, resign, remove from said town, or become non compos mentis, an election shall be called by said Burgess, to fill the vacancy, at which