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number of votes in the separate districts in which he or they shall reside as aforesaid, are duly elected commissioners for Cecil county, to serve for the period of two years from the date of their said election, and that the persons elected as commissioners aforesaid, shall out of their own body elect their president; and if any commissioner or commissioners so elected, shall die, resign, refuse or neglect for twenty days to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from the said county at any time within the period for which he shall have been elected, the governor and council shall appoint a person qualified as is hereinbefore provided, in case of an original election, to fill his place, until the next annual election for delegates to the General Assembly, when a person shall be elected in the manner provided for in the preceding part of this section, out of the district where such commissioner or commissioners so dying, resigning, refusing, neglecting to qualify, or removing from the county as aforesaid, was elected.

Choose a president

Case of vacancy.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That every commissioner elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe before some judge or justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation, that he will faithfully, diligently and impartially exercise the powers and perform the duties of commissioner for Cecil county, as authorised and enjoined by law, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without being influenced by favour, affection, hatred, malice, or ill will; and that he will, in making all appointments to office, vote for such person among those willing to accept, as in his judgment and belief shall be most capable and best qualified to perform the duties of such office; which oath shall be recorded in a book to be kept among the records of Cecil county court.

Oath prescribed.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners elected or appointed as aforesaid, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the commissioners of Cecil county, and by that name shall have continued and perpetual succession, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, of making and using a corporate seal, and of altering the same; of taking, holding, selling and conveying all kinds of estates, property and effects, and of doing all such acts as shall be necessary to the exercise of all powers which are or shall be vested in them by this act, or any other act of assembly, as fully and effectually as corporate bodies may or can lawfully and rightfully do.

Corporate powers granted.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That when and as soon as the commissioners to be elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall have taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation hereinbefore

Rights and powers vested.