

the said city or county of any of said visitors within the year for which he shall have been appointed, the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council shall immediately thereafter supply such vacancy, by appointing and commissioning another fit person residing within the said city or county as the case may be, and the said visitors and their successors to be appointed as aforesaid shall be and they are hereby incorporated and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title of the visitors of the jail of Baltimore city and county, and by that name shall have perpetual succession; shall have, and use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure, shall break, alter, and renew, and shall have and exercise all the powers, authorities and privileges of a corporate body, so far as the same are necessary to a due discharge of their duties, as fully to all intents and purposes as any other corporate body may or can have and exercise.

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Incorporated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That each visitor appointed by virtue of this act before he proceeds to perform any duties as such, shall before some judge or justice of the peace, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, that he will duly and faithfully execute the duties and trusts, and exercise the powers committed to, and vested in him as a visitor of the jail of Baltimore city and county, according to law, to the best of his ability and judgment, and the said visitors shall provide a book or books in which shall be entered the minutes of their proceedings under this act, and the certificate of of each visitor having taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation aforesaid, and when the said visitors or any three of them appointed in virtue of this act, shall have taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation, they shall be qualified and competent to exercise all the powers, and perform the duties herein granted and required; three members shall at any time form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Oath required.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said visitors shall have full power and authority as often as they may deem it necessary, to visit and inspect the said jail and the prisoners confined therein; to make by-laws for the internal police and good government thereof, and for the preservation of the buildings and other property; to regulate and provide the diet of the prisoners, procure necessary bedding and clothing for their use, to make such repairs, alterations and improvements in and about the jail as they may deem necessary; to provide medicines and attendance for such of the prisoners as are sick, and that they shall have a discretionary power of employing any prisoners, including debtors

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