

appointed and qualified, and shall each receive a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly. Before entering upon the duties of their office of commissioner, each member thereof shall enter into bond to the state of Maryland with one or more sureties, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such commissioner, said bond to be approved of by the judge of the superior court of the city of Baltimore, to be kept and recorded by the clerk of the said court in the office thereof, together with the certificate of appointment as aforesaid, and shall also take and subscribe before the said judge of the superior court, or the clerk thereof, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the seventh section of the first article of the constitution, and the further oath or affirmation that in every appointment or removal to be by them made to or from the police force created and to be organized by them under this act, they will in no case and under no pretext, appoint or remove any policeman or officer of police, or detective, or any other person under them, for or on account of the political opinions of such policeman, officer, detective, or other person, or for any other cause or reason than the fitness or unfitness of such person, in the best judgment of said commissioners for the place to which he shall be appointed, or from which he shall be moved, and the said oath or affirmation shall be recorded and preserved among the records of said court.

807. The board of police commissioners, on entering upon their duties as such, shall select one of their number who shall be the president, and one of their number who shall be the treasurer thereof, and in case a vacancy shall happen in said board during the recess of the general assembly, it shall be filled by the governor of the state, which appointment shall continue until the next session of the general assembly, which shall proceed to fill said vacancy, and the general assembly shall also in like manner