

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 13, sec. 1.

2. The clerk of the county commissioners shall, within five days after such appointment, deliver to the sheriff of the county, a certificate of the appointment of each of the said trustees, endorsing one of them for each; and the sheriff shall, within six days thereafter, deliver one of the certificates to each of them, agreeably to the endorsement thereon.

Ibid.

3. The said trustees, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars, shall accept said office, and shall meet at the almshouse in said county on the second Monday of April next ensuing, (unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon thereafter as the disability shall be removed,) and qualify by taking the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear that I will duly and faithfully discharge the duties and trusts committed to me as trustee of the poor of Howard county, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, so help me God," which oath shall be administered by any one of said trustees to the others, any one of whom being sworn may administer the same to him.

Ibid.

4. All vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, resignation, or removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of said trustees, shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

Ibid.

5. No member of the general assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician shall be obliged to accept said office, or be liable to the penalty aforesaid for refusing to accept; and no judge, justice of the peace or sheriff, or any person who has not the qualification to be a member of the general assembly, shall be eligible thereto; and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the penalty for refusing to serve.

Ibid.

6. The trustees so appointed and qualified are a body politic, with full power and authority to sue and be sued, by the name