

under this sub-title or this article, 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 removed; and the said oath or affirmation shall be recorded and preserved among the records of said court.

Mayor v. State, 15 Md. 376. Brotherton v. Board of Police Comm'rs of Balto, 49 Md. 495.

1867, ch. 367.

**723.** 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, elect by joint ballot, commissioners to succeed those whose term of service shall expire—such election to be had at the regular session of the general assembly immediately preceding such expiration—and neither of said commissioners shall be eligible to an elective or appointed office during the term for which he has been elected, except under the militia laws of the State; and for any official misconduct on the part of said commissioners, the general assembly, if in session, shall have power of removal, and during the recess of the same, the governor shall remove any of said commissioners, on conviction for any felony before any court of law, and shall appoint a successor to such delinquent commissioner so removed, to serve until the next meeting of the general assembly.

1884, ch. 176.

**724.** The board of police commissioners shall select some suitable person to act as secretary to the board, whose duty it shall be to keep minutes of the proceedings of the board, take charge, by direction of the board, of all property seized or found by the police or detectives, and to perform all clerical and proper duties