

tion districts one for one year and one for two years, and one of the said commissioners in each election district shall be appointed from the political party opposite in opinion to the majority of the county commissioners; and on the second Tuesday of December in every year the county commissioners shall appoint one road commissioner each for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh election districts, to serve for three years from the first day of January of the following year, and one road commissioner each for the eighth and ninth election districts, to serve for two years from the first day of January of the following year, said appointments to be so made that their will always be in each election district one commissioner from the minority political party; and in case of a vacancy from death, resignation, removal, inability or refusal of any road commissioner to act, the county commissioners shall fill said vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term; but if any road commissioner shall be only temporarily disabled, though prevented from the performance of his duties, his office shall not be deemed vacant, and he may select one of the other commissioners in the election district to act in his place, and no road commissioner shall become the supervisor of any road.

Term of service.

Vacancy—how filled.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said road commissioners shall, when they have received their commissions from the clerk of the county commissioners, subscribe to the following oath or affirmation before the said clerk or any justice of the peace in Cecil county: "I,, road commissioner for the election district of Cecil county, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will well and faithfully discharge all the duties imposed upon me by law, and endeavor, earnestly and honestly, without fear, favor or affection, to so administer my office as to promote the public welfare, so help me God;" which shall be attached to each commission, and a copy filed in the office of the county commissioners; and as soon as the road commissioners first appointed under this act shall have thus qualified, they shall, with the county commissioners in charge of their respective election districts, proceed to contract for keeping the public roads in good repair for a term of three years from the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and, in like manner, their successors shall, prior to the ex-

Oath to be subscribed to.

Contract for keeping public roads in repair.