

CHAP. 217. certain and certify the election of delegates, shall in like manner ascertain the whole number of votes given for each person as commissioner; and the said judges shall, by a certificate to be filed with the clerk of Baltimore county court, and by him recorded, certify in a form similar to the certificate of the election of delegates, that the three persons by name, being duly qualified, who they shall ascertain to have received the greatest number of votes, are duly elected commissioners for Baltimore county; and the said judges shall also state in the said certificate the number of votes received by each person elected, of whom the highest in votes shall be entitled to serve three years, the next highest two years, and the lowest in votes one year, and their places respectively shall be supplied by the annual election of one commissioner in like manner, and with the same qualifications, to serve three years; and if any commissioner shall die, resign, refuse or neglect, for twenty days, to take the oath of office, or remove from the county, the governor and council shall appoint a properly qualified person to fill his place until the time of the next annual election, when a person shall be elected to serve the residue of his term, if any, in addition to the commissioner to be annually elected.

To take an oath

2. *And be it enacted*, That every commissioner elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe before some judge or justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation, that he will faithfully, diligently and impartially, exercise the powers, and perform the duties of commissioner for Baltimore county, as authorised and enjoined by law, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without being influenced by favour, affection, hatred, malice or ill-will, and that he will, in making all appointments to office, vote for such person, among those willing to accept, as in his judgment and belief shall be most capable and best qualified to perform the duties of such office, which oath shall be recorded in a book to be kept among the records of Baltimore county court.

Incorporated

3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners elected or appointed as aforesaid, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of The Commissioners of Baltimore County, and by that name shall have continued and perpetual succession, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, of making and using a corporate seal, and of altering the same, of taking, holding, selling and conveying, all kinds of estates, property and effects, and of doing all such acts as shall be necessary to the exercise of all powers which are or shall be vested in them by this act, or by any other act of assembly, as fully and effectually as corporate bodies may or can lawfully and rightfully do.

Vested with powers of levy court, &c

4. *And be it enacted*, That when and as soon as the commissioners to be elected or appointed as aforesaid, shall have taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation herein before described, all the powers, rights and privileges, lawfully exercised by, and all property, estate and effects, vested in the justices of the levy court of Baltimore county, so far as regards the said county without the limits of the city of Baltimore, shall be transferred to, and vested in, the commissioners for Baltimore county, who,