

districts for a commissioner or commissioners as aforesaid, and the judges from the several election districts in said county, when met at the court house of said county to ascertain and certify the election of delegates as aforesaid, shall ascertain the number of votes given as aforesaid for commissioners as aforesaid, in the said election districts respectively, and by a certificate to be filed in the office of the clerk of the county court of the said county, and which shall be by the said clerk recorded, certify in a form similar to the certificate of the election of delegates; that the five persons by name, residents respectively of the election districts aforesaid in said county, who they shall ascertain received the greatest number of votes in the districts as aforesaid, in which they shall severally reside, are duly elected commissioners for Cecil county, to serve for the period of three years from the date of their said election; and that the persons elected as commissioners aforesaid, shall out of their own body elect their president, and if a commissioner or commissioners so elected, shall die, resign, refuse or neglect for twenty days to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from the said county at any time within the period for which he shall have been elected, the Governor and Council shall appoint a person qualified as is herein before provided, in case of an original election to fill his place, until the next annual election for delegates to the General Assembly, when a person shall be elected out of the district where such commissioner or commissioners so dying, resigning, refusing, neglecting to qualify, or removing from the county as aforesaid was elected, shall vote in like manner as at first, for another person or persons with like qualifications as such commissioner, to serve for the residue of his or their said terms.

Elect president-
vacancy.

SEC. 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 Cecil county, as authorized and enjoined by law, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without being influenced by favor, 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 Cecil county court.

Oath of office.

SEC. 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 Cecil 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,

Corporate powers
granted.