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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.

Levy court abolished—their powers & duties transferred.

SEC. 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 justice of the levy court of Cecil county, shall be transferred to, and vested in the commissioners for Cecil county, who, or any three of them, shall thereafter exercise all the said powers, rights and privileges, and shall perform all the duties required to be performed by the said justices of the levy court of Cecil county, and no appointment of justices of the levy court for Cecil county, shall thereafter be made; and all the powers lawfully exercised by or vested in the commissioners of the tax for Cecil county, and all the duties required by law to be performed by them, shall be vested in and exercised and performed by the said commissioners for Cecil county, after they shall have become qualified as aforesaid.

Clerk.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners of Cecil county, shall at their annual meetings, appoint a well qualified fit and proper person, a resident of said county, to act and serve as clerk to the said commissioners, who shall transact all the business, and discharge all the duties, now appertaining to the several and respective officers of clerk of the levy court, and commissioners of the tax, in the same manner as the clerk of Cecil county; and the clerk of the commissioners of the tax for said county, are now by law severally authorised and required to transact the same, and the person so appointed shall before he enters upon the duties of his office, execute a bond to the state of Maryland, to be approved of by the said commissioners, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the several and respective duties hereby imposed, which bond shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the county court of said county, and a copy thereof under the seal of said court, shall be as sufficient evidence as the original, and the said clerk when appointed, shall also take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, as the case may be, to wit: I, A. B. do swear or affirm, that as clerk to the commissioners of Cecil county, I will honestly and faithfully, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of said office, without favor, affection, or prejudice, so help me God! which oath or affirmation, any one of the said commissioners is hereby authorised to administer; and the said clerk shall be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures for non performance or neglect of official duty, as are prescribed by the existing laws in relation, as well to the several matters and things which the clerk of the county court of said county may be legally directed and required to perform, under the authority of the levy court, as likewise to