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Returns.

Certificate.

thereafter, vote by ballot for one person, a resident of the district in which the voter is entitled to vote for delegates as aforesaid, and also having the same qualifications as are or shall be required for such delegates, to be a commissioner for Harford county; and the judges of election for each district in said county, or a majority of them, shall certify under their hands and return in a form and manner similar to their certificates and return of the election of delegates aforesaid, the number of votes given in their said respective districts for a commissioner as aforesaid; and the judges from the several election districts in said county, when met at the court house of the 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 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 five election districts in said county, who they shall ascertain received the greatest number of votes in the districts in which they severally reside, are duly elected commissioners for Harford county, to serve for the period of three years from the date of their said election; and if any commissioner 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 the said voters of the district in which such commissioner 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 with like qualifications, as such commissioner, to serve for the residue of his said term.

Vacancy provided for.

Oath of office.

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 Harford 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 Harford county court.

Corporate powers granted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners elected or appointed as aforesaid, and their successors shall be, and