

they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name, style and title of the commissioners of Harford 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.

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 power, rights and privileges lawfully exercised by, and all property, estate and effects vested in the justices of the levy court of Harford county, shall be transferred to, and vested in the commissioners for Harford 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, for Harford county, and no appointment of justices of the levy court for Harford county, shall thereafter be made, and all the powers lawfully exercised by, or vested in the commissioners of the tax for Harford 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 Harford county, after they shall have become qualified as aforesaid.

Powers of the levy court conferred upon the commissioners of tax.

Levy Court abolished

Powers of commissioners of tax transferred.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners for Harford 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 Harford county court 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 would be, if produced and proved, 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 Harford 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 affirma-

Appointment of Clerk.

His bond.

Oath.