

than one such removal, duly qualified and belonging to the same political party as the person or persons so removed, and with similar recommendations as in the original appointment, to perform the duties of said office or offices in the place of the person or persons so removed from office; and the person or persons so appointed shall qualify in the same manner as if he or they had been originally appointed under this act; and the County Commissioners shall have and exercise similar powers of removal and appointment of any assessors or clerks by them appointed; and any new appointees by them made to supply vacancies thus made shall qualify in the same manner as if he or they had been originally appointed under this act; and the power to appoint either by the Governor, or County Commissioners, shall exist to fill vacancies, however caused.

Oath of
boards and
clerks.

169. The respective Boards of Control and Review, and every clerk appointed under the provisions of this act, shall, in addition to the oath prescribed by the Constitution, before he enters upon the duties of said office of assessor, member of the Boards of Control and Review or clerk, shall take the following oath or affirmation before some person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation, to wit: "I _____ do swear (or solemnly and sincerely and truly declare and affirm) that as (naming the ward or assessment district for which he is appointed assessor or as a member of a Board of Control and Review, naming the county or district, or as a clerk to the Board of Control and Review for (naming the county or district), I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of said office, diligently and faithfully, according to the directions of this act, under which I am appointed, providing for the general valuation and assessment of property in this State, without favor, affection or partiality;" which said oath or affirmation, properly attested by a justice of the peace or other competent person before whom the same shall have been taken, shall be filed by the person taking the same, within ten days after his appointment, in the office of the County Commissioners of that county in which, or in any part of which his said duties are to be performed, and in the office of the Appeal Tax Court of Baltimore city, if his duties are to be performed in said city or in any part thereof.

Failure of
assessor to
qualify.

170. It shall be the duty of the said County Commissioners, acting as Boards of Control and Review in the several counties, and the Boards of Control and Review in Baltimore city, to notify the Governor of any failure on the part of any person appointed assessor by him under the provisions of this