

258. At the general election to be held in Harford county on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, the qualified voters of said county shall elect, by ballot, a treasurer of said county, who shall be a person skilled in accounts, a resident and qualified voter of said county, and not less than twenty-five years of age, whose term of office shall be for a period of two years from the first day of May next succeeding his election, and until his successor is elected or appointed and qualified according to law. Ballot taken.

259. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of said office, the treasurer of Harford county shall take and subscribe before the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county the oath prescribed in section six of Article one of the Constitution of this State, and shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland, in the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars, with the condition prescribed in section thirty-two of Article eighty-one of the Code of Public General Laws of this State, relating to the bonds of the collectors of State taxes; and also a bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as treasurer of Harford county. Said bonds shall be approved by the County Commissioners of said county, and new bonds shall be given for each year that he shall hold office; provided, that after the first year of his incumbency said bonds may be executed and delivered at any time before the annual levy of taxes is placed in his hands for collection, and all such bonds shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford county. And the Commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to approve as sureties upon said bonds, a guarantee company incorporated under the laws of this State, and in case a guarantee company is accepted and approved as such surety, the County Commissioners shall levy such sum as may be necessary to defray the expense thereof. Bond given.

260. In case the person so appointed or elected shall fail to execute the bonds required by the preceding section on or before the day prescribed for his entering upon the duties of his office, or before the annual levy of taxes is placed in his hand for collection, as the case may be, or in event of the treasurer's removal from the county, death, resignation or removal from office for misconduct therein, the County Commissioners shall declare said office vacant, and at once proceed Office declared vacant.