

§ 21.

fore said, the number of votes given in their respective districts for a commissioner as aforesaid; and the Judges of 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, 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 said county Court of said county, and which shall be by said Clerk recorded, certify in a form similar to a certificate of the election of Delegates, that the seven persons by name, residents respectively, of the seven election districts in said county, who they shall ascertain [receive] the greatest number of votes in the districts in which they so severally reside, are duly elected commissioners for Washington county, to serve for a period of two years from the date of the said election, and if any commissioner so elected, shall die, resign, refuse or neglect, for twenty days after said election, to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from 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 hereinbefore 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 [commissioners] so dying, resigning, refusing or 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 [commissioners,] to serve for the residue of his said term.

Verbally supplied.

Oath.

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 of 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 Washington county, authorised and enjoined by law, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without being influenced by favour, partiality, hatred, malice or ill will, and that he will in such appointments to office, vote for such persons among the eligible as in his judgment and belief shall be the most capable and best qualified to perform the duties of such office, which oath or affirmation shall be recorded in a book to be kept among the records of Washington county.

Corporate person.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*; That the commissioners elected or appointed as aforesaid, and their successors shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic, corporate, by the name, title and style, of the commissioners for Washington county, and by that name shall have and exercise full power and discretion, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, of making and using a corporate seal, and of holding the same,