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enjoined by law, according to the best of his skill and judgment, without being influenced by favor, 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 thereof, 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 by the clerk, among the records of Allegany county court.

Corporate powers.

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 and corporate, by the name, style, and title, of "The Commissioners of Allegany 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 at their pleasure; of taking, holding, selling, and conveying, all kinds of estates, property, and effects, and of doing all and every such act or acts, thing or things, device or devices, needful or necessary to be done 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, to all intents and purposes, as corporate bodies may or can lawfully and rightfully do.

Powers of Levy Court and commissioners of tax collected.

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 hereinbefore described, all the powers, rights, and privileges, lawfully exercised by, and all property, estate, and effects, vested in the justices of the Levy Court of Allegany county, shall be transferred to, and vested in, the Commissioners of Allegany county, who, or any six 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 aforesaid; and no appointment of justices of the Levy Court for Allegany county shall thereafter be made: and all the powers lawfully exercised by, or vested in, the commissioners of the tax for Allegany 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 of Allegany county, after they shall become qualified as aforesaid; and no appointment of commissioners of the tax for Allegany county shall thereafter be made.

Clerk.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of Allegany 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 offices of clerk of the Levy Court and commissioners of the tax, in the same manner as the clerk of Allegany County Court, and the clerk of the