

village, in Cecil county, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Commissioners of Jeffersonville, and as such shall have perpetual succession, and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and do all other acts as natural persons; and may purchase and hold real, personal and mixed property, or dispose of the same for the benefit of the said village, and may have and use a common seal, which may be broken or altered at pleasure.

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Legal capacity

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all free white male citizens of the village of Jeffersonville aforesaid, above twenty-one years of age, who shall have resided in said village for and during the space of six months, and twelve months in the State, next preceding the election, shall, on the last Monday in April next, and on the last Monday of April in each and every year hereafter, at such places as shall be designated, be authorised to elect five persons commissioners for the said village, and who shall have resided within the limits of said village at least twelve months preceding the election.

Five commissioners to be elected

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, shall, in the first instance, be the judge of said election, who shall open the polls at two o'clock P. M., and close the same at seven o'clock P. M., and shall return his certificate of the persons elected to the said commissioners on the day first appointed for their meeting, and the same shall be filed and recorded among their proceedings.

Judge to conduct election

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be, from time to time, directed by the by-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with this act.

Future elections

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That every commissioner appointed in pursuance of this act, before he shall proceed to execute his office, shall take an oath or affirmation before some justice of the peace of the county, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to his best judgment, perform the duties of a commissioner, according to the directions of this act, without favor or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be made and returned to said commissioners, and filed and recorded among their proceedings.

Oath of office

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners so elected, shall have power and authority to meet and adjourn, from time to time; and shall, on the first meeting after said election, choose from their own body a president,

Elect president