CHAP. 67. ery three years thereafter, vote for one person possessing the qualifications hereafter required; to be commissioner of the tax for St Mary's county, from said district.

Qualifications for

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That in addition to the qualification now requisite to be eligible to a scat in the House of Delegates of Maryland, the person voted for as commissioner, shall have residence for at least one year immediately preceeding the election in the district in which said election is held.

Conducting of elec-Returns thereof

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the judges of election for each election district in said county, or a majority of them, shall certify and return in a form and manner similar to the certificates and returns of the election of Delegates afore aid, the number of votes given in their said respective districts, for a commissioner aforesaid; and having ascertained the person for whom the highest number of legal votes was given, they also shall certify and return to the clerk of St. Mary's county court, the person whom they shall so ascertain to have received the hightest number of legal votes to be duly elected commissioner for St. Mary's county, from said district, to serve for three years, from the date of his election, which certificate shall be deposited within three days after the election, with the clerk of St. Mary's county, by said judges respectively, and which shall be by said clerk, recorded in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and

To be recorded

Case of vacancy

out of their body elect their President, and if any commissioner or commissioners so elected, shall die, resign, refuse, or neglect for twenty days after the election, to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from the said county at any time within the period for which he shall have been elected, the

the persons elected as commissioners aforesaid, shall

remaining commissioners who have properly qualified, or a majority of them, shall appoint a person qualified, as is hereinbefore provided, in case of an original election, to fill his place until the next annual election for delegates to the General Assembly, when a person shall be elected in the manner hereinbefore described, in the district where such commissioner or commissioners so dying, resigning, refusing, neglecting to qualify, or removing from the county as aforesaid, was