

CHAPTER 281.

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An act to incorporate the Village called and known by the name of Nine Bridges, and to change the name thereof to that of Bridgetown, in Caroline County. Passed Mar. 10 1840.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the citizens of the village commonly called Nine Bridges, in Caroline county, shall be and they are hereby constituted and made a body corporate, known by the name of Bridgetown, with all the privileges of a body corporate, and to have a common seal, and perpetual succession, and in the name of the commissioners, for the time being, to be capable of suing and being sued. Incorporated Name

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the free male citizens of Bridgetown aforesaid, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, shall on the second Monday of April next, at some suitable house in said town, and on the same day, and in each and every year thereafter, at such house as shall hereafter designated by the municipality, be authorised to elect five commissioners for the said town, who shall have resided within the limits of the same three months next preceding the election. To elect 5 commissioners annually

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That a justice of the peace, for the time being, residing in the said county, shall appoint, by writing, under his hand and seal, one judge to hold the first election, who shall keep the polls open from one to five o'clock in the afternoon, and shall conduct the said election in the same manner in which the judges of elections are now by law directed to conduct an election for Delegates to the General Assembly, as far as may be consistent with the provisions of this act, and the said judge shall make return, under his hand and seal, of the persons elected, to the clerk of Caroline county, to be by him kept; and at all subsequent elections, the names of the commissioners so elected shall be entered in a book to be by them kept, instead of being returned to the clerk as aforesaid. Justice authorised to appoint judge of election His duty

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 the provisions of this act. Future elections—how conducted

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners elected according to the provisions of this act, shall on the first meeting after said election, choose some one of the said commissioners president of the board, whose duty Election of president of board