

as commissioners as aforesaid, shall elect one of their body as their president; and if any commissioner or commissioners so elected, shall die, resign, refuse or neglect within sixty days, to qualify as commissioner under this act, or shall remove from said county at any time within the period for which they shall have been elected, the remaining commissioners, having properly qualified, or a majority of them, shall appoint a person qualified as is hereinbefore provided, in case of an original election to to fill his place, until the next annual general election for delegates to the General Assembly, when a person or persons shall be elected in the manner hereinbefore described, to fill the vacancy or vacancies so occasioned by deaths, resignations, refusal or neglect to qualify, to serve for the residue of his or their terms.

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In case of vacancy

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That, in case of a failure to elect seven commissioners, by reason of a tie, it shall be the duty of the sheriff of Charles county, upon receiving official information of the fact from the clerk of said county, to appoint a day for holding a new election for a commissioner or commissioners, upon at least ten days notice, exclusive of the day of holding such election; and the judges of election shall hold the same under the regulations hereinbefore provided for the regular election of commissioners for said county, and make their returns in the same manner.

If a tie occur

Judges to hold election

SEC. 7. *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 or justice of the peace, an oath or affirmation, that he will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland; that he will support the constitution and laws thereof; that he will, to the best of his skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of commissioner of Charles county, according to the constitution and laws of the State; which oath or affirmation, certified and subscribed by the judge or justice of the peace administering the same, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of said county court.

Oath of office

SEC. 8. *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 Charles county; and by that name shall have continued succession, and be capable in law of suing and

Name and style

General powers