

CHAP. 162. time to offer proper security, his office shall be deemed vacant, and the board shall immediately proceed to make another appointment, and so on, until proper security shall have been given.

Bonds renewed annually.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all bonds conditioned for the faithful performance of official duty, shall be renewed annually, although the former officer may have been re-appointed, but nothing in this act shall be construed to release the obligor on any bond, until the same shall have been replaced by a new one.

In case of a tie

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That in case of a tie in the board on any question of election, the names of the two parties having the highest number of votes on said ballot, shall be immediately returned to the sheriff of Baltimore county, who shall select one of them, and return a certificate thereof in writing immediately to said board, and in case of disagreement in said board on any question of the sufficiency of security, the fact shall be immediately laid before the sheriff aforesaid, whose decision shall be immediate and final in the premises, the same to be certified to the board in writing.

No officer re-elected, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That no officer who has heretofore been, or hereafter may be appointed by the said board for five successive years, shall be re-elected unless by unanimous vote of said board, but in all other cases a majority of said board shall be sufficient to elect; *provided,* that nothing in this section shall apply to constables of Baltimore county, who may be at all times re-appointed by a majority of said board; *and provided further,* that nothing in this section shall apply to the treasurer of said county; and whereas, it is understood that doubts have been expressed as to the proper meaning and effect of the third section of an act passed at the present session, eighteen hundred and forty-six, entitled, a further supplement to the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter two hundred and one, it is hereby declared that said section has especial reference to, and was intended to include all those who have been heretofore, as well as those who hereafter may be elected to the office of treasurer of Baltimore county, for five successive years, or who may have held said office without an annual election for five successive years; and whereas, the said office of treasurer was properly rendered vacant by the passage of said act, the said board are hereby required to proceed to election of a treasurer between the first and twelfth days of April next, and annually thereafter.

Provisoers.

Elect treasurer