

their bye-laws and ordinances; *provided*, that no ordinance of the said commissioners shall impose a fine, penalty or forfeiture for any one offence of more than ten dollars.

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How penalties are recoverable

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to pay their taxes, fines or forfeitures charged against them by virtue of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners to collect the same in the same manner and with the same costs that small debts are collected out of court.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have full power and authority, annually to appoint an active and discreet person to be bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said town, who, before he shall proceed to the execution of his office, shall take an oath or affirmation, to be administered by a justice of the peace for said county, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties required of him as bailiff, constable and collector, within the limits of said town by virtue of this act, without favor, affection or partiality, according to the best of his skill and judgment, and the said bailiff, constable and collector, shall give bond in the same manner, and under the same penalties that the several constables and collectors of said county do, and it shall be the duty of the said bailiff or constable to attend the meetings of the commissioners whenever he shall be required, to perform such services as shall from time to time be by them directed, for the more effectual accomplishing the object of this act, to prevent the tumultuous and irregular meetings of slaves and free negroes within the limits of said town, or if so assembled to disperse by reasonable and lawful means, and to punish with moderate correction all such slaves and free negroes as shall be found wandering or strolling about the streets in the night time, and to prevent slaves frequenting the houses of other persons in said town, without the consent or permissions of their masters or mistresses.

Powers of the bailiff

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That all taxes, fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed by the said commissioners, by virtue of any law or ordinance, be applied in such manner, for the use of the said town, as may from time to time, by ordinance be directed, and the Legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal this act when the same shall be deemed advisable.

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