

CHAP. 321. to the clerks of Dorchester and Caroline counties respectively, within sixty days after said election, to be by said clerks safely kept in their offices, and it is hereby provided, that if a tie or no decision by ballot, in the final vote for commissioners, in consequence of more than five persons being voted for, or disqualification, said judge shall decide who are elected, in the same manner as the existing laws now are in respect to delegates to the General Assembly aforesaid, and shall order a new election, at such time and place as he may decide, to fill the vacancy or vacancies that occur, giving sufficient notice to said voters.

Future elections
SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall, from time to time, be directed by the bye-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and after the election to be held in July, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, the commissioners in office may, in their discretion, class the five commissioners to be elected at the next regular annual election, that is, instead of the terms of each member expiring at the same time, the legal voters may elect, to be decided by the commissioners when they meet after their election, by lot or otherwise, as the bye-laws of the former commissioners may propose, their respective terms, one, two, three, four and five years, one of said commissioners to vacate his office each year, in succession, and in the recess of the annual elections, if any one or more of said commissioners shall decline serving, die, resign, remove, or be disqualified to serve in any manner, the remaining commissioners, or a majority of them, may appoint others to fill said vacancies, or if no decision by them, they shall order a new election, at such time and place as they deem expedient, giving sufficient notice of such election, to fill said vacancies until the regular election.

To appoint president
SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners elected, or a majority of them, according to the provisions of this act, shall at the first meetings after said election, respectively choose some one of the said commissioners president of the board, whose duty it shall be to preside at the meetings of the said commissioners, and preserve order, to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, and give such directions as may be deemed necessary.

Vacancies—
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SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, may meet together, from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of said village, and not less than once in every three months, and if, during the years for