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down the names of the voters, and otherwise to assist in the said election; and it shall be the duty of the said judges to give public notice in one or more of the newspapers of the city of Baltimore five several days, of the time and place of holding said elections, which place shall be within the said district; and that the said judges shall keep the polls open one day, from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening, and shall, within three days after such election, notify the persons having the greatest number of legal votes, that they are duly elected; and shall make a return and deposit their polls with the clerk of Baltimore county court.

Commissioners declared to be a body corporate.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, by the aforesaid name of the Commissioners of the Eastern Precincts, be, and they are hereby declared a body corporate, with all the privileges of a corporate body, and to have one common seal, and perpetual succession.

Commissioners oath.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each of the said commissioners, before he proceeds to act as such, shall take the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear, or affirm, (as the case may be) that I will honestly and impartially, without favor or affection, discharge all the duties imposed on me as a commissioner of the Eastern precincts, according to law, and to the best of my skill and judgment—So help me God.

Commissioners shall appoint a clerk—he shall give bond. Bond shall be lodged with the clerk of the county court and suits may be instituted thereon. Clerk's oath.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners, within ten days after they have qualified as such, shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond to the state of Maryland, in the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, with sufficient security, to be approved by the said commissioners, conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties assigned him by this act; which bond shall be lodged with the clerk of Baltimore county court, and suits may be instituted and recovery had thereon by such persons as may be interested therein; in the same manner as on sheriff's bonds; and that before the said clerk proceed to act as such, he shall take the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear, or affirm, (as the case may be) that I will, as clerk to the commissioners, make out and keep a fair record of all their proceedings, and in every other respect faithfully and honestly discharge the several duties of my appointment, to the best of my skill and judgment—So help me God.

Clerk shall record the pro-

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said clerk to keep a fair record of all the