

ry; and the said commissioners, at their said meeting, shall appoint a clerk, and also divide their several counties into districts or not less than three, nor more than ten districts, in any one county, and not less than two large, or three small, hundreds in any one district, according to the population and extent of the county, and shall appoint in each district one sensible and active person, an inhabitant of their county, and having property therein to the value of five hundred pounds current money, to be assessor of the property in each district; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name of the person appointed assessor in each district, and shall, immediately after such choice, appoint a place and day, not exceeding ten days thereafter, (of which five days notice shall be given by some one of the commissioners to each assessor) for the said assessors to appear before them, and at their appearance the said commissioners shall openly read, or cause to be read, such parts of this act as relates to their duty, and shall advise them in what manner to make their assessments, and in what form to return their certificates thereof, and how to perform the several duties required of them by this act, according to the true meaning thereof; and the said commissioners shall also appoint a place and day, between the tenth and fifteenth day of April next, for the said assessors to appear, and bring in writing, their several valuations of property in their respective districts.

*And be it enacted,* That if any person appointed an assessor in virtue of this act, shall make default, and not appear at the time appointed, or on his appearance shall refuse to serve, not having, in the judgment of the commissioners, a reasonable excuse, or shall neglect to return to the commissioners certificates of his valuation of the property in his district, agreeable to this act and the instructions given to him,