

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Subject to
taxes.

ginning at the cucumber tree; and the property within said lines shall be subject to such taxes and charges as may be deemed necessary by said Commissioners, or a majority of them, to support and maintain the expenses which may at any time be incurred in the government and improvement of said town.

Qualifications
of voters.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the male citizens of Barton aforesaid of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, being citizens of the United States who have resided in said town for and during the space of six months next preceding the third Monday in April in each and every year, at the usual place of holding county elections in said town, or at such place as shall be designated by the Commissioners of Barton, are authorized to elect five Commissioners for the said town, who shall be owners of real estate, and regular taxpayers in the said town on an assessment of not less than five hundred dollars, and who shall have resided within the limits of the same for two years next preceding the election; also one clerk and a bailiff, each of whom shall have resided in said town for two years next preceding their election. The Commissioners elected under this Act shall serve for one and two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and it is herein provided that the two Commissioners receiving the highest number of votes at the first election shall serve for two years, and the three receiving the lowest number of votes shall serve for one year, and at each succeeding election two Commissioners shall be elected to serve for two years, and three for one year as above provided. The clerk and bailiff to be elected under the provisions of this Act shall, after they have qualified, hold their offices or serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Clerk and
bailiff.

Oath to be ad-
ministered.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners, the clerk and the bailiff elected under the provisions of this Act shall qualify on the first Monday in May of each year by taking the following oath, to be administered by some justice of the peace: "I,, do swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of Commissioner of Barton, or clerk or bailiff, (as the case may be) to the best of my ability, without prejudice, fear, favor or partiality;" and at their annual meeting on said date the Commissioners shall elect some one of the said Commissioners as president of the Commissioners, and who shall be the acting Mayor of the said town, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the Commissioners, and execute ordinances passed by the said