

time prescribe; but such powers and duties, and the tenure of office shall be uniform throughout the state, and the legislature shall, at or before its second regular session, after the adoption of this constitution, pass such laws as may be necessary for determining the number for each county, and ascertaining and defining the powers, duties, and tenure of office of said commissioners; and until the passage of such laws the commissioners elected under this constitution shall have and exercise all the powers and duties in their respective counties, now exercised by the county authorities under the laws of the state.

§ 9. The general assembly shall provide by law for the election of road supervisors, in the several counties, by the voters of the election districts respectively, and may provide by law for the election or appointment of such other county officers as may be required, and are not herein provided for, and prescribe their powers and duties; but the tenure of office, their powers and duties, and mode of appointment, shall be uniform throughout the state.

§ 10. The qualified voters of each county, and the city of Baltimore, shall, at the first election of delegates after the adoption of this constitution, and every two years thereafter, elect a surveyor for the counties, and the city of Baltimore respectively, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed by law for the county and city surveyors respectively, or as may hereafter be prescribed by law. The term of office of said county and city surveyors respectively, shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding their election. And vacancies in said office of surveyors, by death, resignation, or removal from their respective counties or city, shall be filled by the commissioners of the counties, or mayor and city council of Baltimore respectively.

§ 11. The qualified voters of Worcester county shall, at the first election of delegates after the adoption of this constitution, and every two years thereafter, elect a wreck-master for the said county, whose duties and compensation shall be the same as are now prescribed or may be hereafter prescribed by law. The term of office of said wreck-master shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding his election; and a vacancy in said office, by death, resignation, or removal from the county, shall be filled by the county commissioners of said county, for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

ARTICLE VIII.

New Counties.

§ 1. That part of Anne Arundel county called Howard district, is hereby erected into a new county, to be called Howard county, the inhabitants whereof shall have, hold, and enjoy all such rights and privileges as are held and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the other counties in this state; and its civil and municipal officers, at the time of the ratification of this constitution, shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed, and shall have qualified as such; and all rights, powers, and obligations incident to Howard district of Anne Arundel county shall attach to Howard county.