

they have voted out, all or any of whom they may re-elect ; and such persons so chosen, with the remaining vestrymen and the rector, shall be the vestry for the ensuing year.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the vestrymen of each parish, or a majority of those who shall attend, shall judge of the election of vestrymen, and of the qualification of voters, and of the qualification of the parishioners proposed to be elected as vestrymen.

Vestrymen  
to judge of  
elections,  
&c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That every person chosen a vestryman shall, before he acts as such, take and subscribe the oath of support and fidelity required by the constitution and form of government, unless such person hath before taken such oath, and also make and subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and he shall also take and subscribe the following oath of office, to wit : 'I, A. B., do solemnly swear, that I will faithfully execute the office of a vestryman of — parish, in — county, without prejudice, favour or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge ;' which oaths and declarations any justice of the peace, or any vestryman present, may administer and take.

Oaths to be  
taken.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That the first Monday in February, May, August and November, in each year, shall be the days on which a vestry shall be held in every parish, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the place at which vestry elections are directed by this act to be held, without any notice given thereof, and every vestry may also hold adjourned or special meetings at such times and places as they may agree upon ; at any which time or place, any four vestrymen, together with the rector, if he shall attend, if not, any four without him, shall be a sufficient quorum for the transaction of any business whatever, which they are authorized to do by this act, and whatsoever shall be thus done by a majority of such quorum, or of the members attending, if more than above directed, shall be valid and obligatory as if done by the whole vestry ; provided always, that due notice of all adjourned and special meetings shall be given to all the members of the vestry.

Days on  
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SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That the rector of each parish for the time being shall preside in the vestry, collect the votes, and shall, upon an equal division of those present, have a vote, except in cases in which he is in any manner particularly interested, and he shall have, except he may otherwise contract with the vestry, the possession, occupation and free use of all the glebe-lands, houses, ground-rents, books and other property, belonging to his parish, and be entitled to the benefit thereof during the time he shall officiate therein as rector.

Rector to  
preside, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That the vestry of each parish for the time being, as trustees of the parish, shall have an estate