

bility, or by the unanimous vote of the board. Should any vacancies occur from any of said specified causes, the said board of supervisors shall promptly fill the same, and publish as hereinbefore directed, the names of the persons so appointed to fill the same; and it shall be their duty in like manner to receive, consider and decide upon all complaints submitted to them in writing, touching the qualifications and fitness of the persons so appointed to fill such vacancies. Each and every person finally selected and appointed as above provided, to act as judge of election, shall be bound to serve as such judge for the term of one year, and in case of refusal so to serve shall be liable to the penalty of five hundred dollars, recoverable by the said board by civil action in the name of the State; and a failure to attend at any election during said term, unless prevented by sickness, shall be deemed a refusal within the meaning of this section; but any person having once served as judge of election shall not be bound to serve again for three years next succeeding. In order to enable them the better to perform the duties required of them, the said board shall appoint a clerk, at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, who shall keep a regular record of all proceedings of said board, and preserve and file all papers submitted to them, which said record and papers shall be open to the public inspection, and who shall perform such other duties as said board shall direct.

1876, ch 223.

**253.** The said board shall have power, and it shall be their duty to fill all vacancies which may be caused among said judges by death, disqualification or refusal to act, or otherwise, and from time to time to appoint successors to those judges whose term of service may be about to expire, or may have expired, and substitutes to fill vacancies as aforesaid; and every such substitute shall hold office until the end of the original term of one year for which his predecessor was appointed.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 207.

**254.** The said judges of election, and each of them, are made conservators of the peace while they shall be acting as such judges, and shall have full power and authority, and are hereby