

mote the agriculture of the state. It shall also be the duty of the said commissioners of public works to keep a journal of their proceedings; and at each regular session of the legislature to make to it a report, and to recommend such legislation as they shall deem necessary and requisite to promote or protect the interest of the state in the public works; and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law. They shall each receive such salary as may be allowed by law, which shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.

§ 2. For the election of the commissioners of public works, the state shall be divided into four districts. The counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Baltimore, and Harford, shall constitute the first district. The counties of Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince George's, shall constitute the second district. Baltimore city shall constitute the third district. The counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester, shall constitute the fourth district. One commissioner shall be elected in each district, who shall have been a resident thereof at least five years next preceding his election.

§ 3. The said commissioners shall be elected by the qualified voters of their districts respectively; the returns of their election shall be certified to the governor, who shall, by proclamation, declare the result of the election. Two of the said commissioners, first elected, shall hold their office for four years, and the other two for two years from the first Monday of December next succeeding their election. And at the first meeting after their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall determine, by lot, who of their number shall hold their offices for four and two years respectively; and thereafter there shall be elected as aforesaid, at each general election of delegates, two commissioners for the term of four years, to be taken from the districts respectively wherein the commissioners resided at the time of their election, whose term of service has expired. And in case of a vacancy in the office of either of said commissioners, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint some qualified person from the same district, to serve until the next general election of delegates, when an election shall be held, as aforesaid, for a commissioner for the residue of said term. And in case of an equal division in the board of commissioners, on any subject committed to their charge, the treasurer of the state shall have power, and shall be called on to decide the same. And in the event of a tie vote for any two of the candidates for the office of commissioner in the same district, it shall be the duty of the governor to commission one or the other of the candidates having the equal number of votes. And if the governor doubt the legality or result of any election held for said commissioners, it shall be his duty to send the returns of such election to the house of delegates, who shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election.

§ 4. During the continuance of the lottery system in this state, there shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of the state, at every general election for delegates to the general assembly, one