

CHAP. 342.

Duties and powers of constables

To appear before grand jury

Proviso.

To close his business

Contested elections.

Notice to be given.

New districts

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the constables thus elected by the people, or appointed by the board of commissioners, under the authority of this act, shall have and exercise all the powers now exercised by constables appointed by the county commissioners of said county.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of all the constables elected or appointed by this act, to appear officially before the grand jury of Washington county, within the first week of the terms of the court of said county, free of charge to the said county; *provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed as requiring them to attend, unless the business of the State should demand it.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That any constable elected or appointed under this act, shall have power for the space of three months after his term of office shall expire, to exercise all the powers pertaining to the office of constable, so far as may relate to any unfinished business remaining, officially, in his hands.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That in case of a contested election under this act, the person intending to contest, shall within ten days after the return of the election, give a written notice to the person returned as being elected, of his intention to contest his claim, and upon the commissioners of said county being satisfied that such contest is to be made, and that such notice has been given, they shall appoint a convenient day to hear such testimony as may be produced by the parties respectively on the case, and said board of commissioners shall, upon the testimony brought before them, and upon the merits of the whole case, decide between the parties contesting, and their decision shall be final.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriff of Washington county, be required to give notice of the election of constables, in the same manner he is now required by law to give notice of other elections, and that all persons entitled by law to vote for delegates to the Assembly, in said county, may vote for constables at such elections; *provided*, they have resided in the district in which they attempt to vote, thirty days next preceding the election.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That should any new election district or districts hereafter be formed in said county the commissioners of said county, shall have power, and it shall be their duty to determine the number of constables for said new district, who shall also in like manner be elected by the people of said district, and in all respects be governed by and subject to the provi-