

less than five shillings per acre, situate in any District established in such Parish, whether male or female, shall be entitled to vote at such election, except children under the age of sixteen years; provided that no proprietor at such election shall be entitled to vote for any Bog or sunken Marsh not yeilding from the produce thereof the annual value of five shillings or more per acre.

V. And be it enacted, That the votes of such proprietors of Marsh to be given and taken at such election, shall be as follows: each proprietor shall have as many votes as he owns acres of Marsh in such District, exclusive of all fractional parts; and in case the number of votes claimed by any voter should be disputed at the time he offers to vote, by any other proprietor, then before such votes are received and entered, the person claiming the right to vote shall take the following oath: "You do swear that you are the proprietor of — acres of Marsh, of the annual value from the produce thereof of five shillings for each and every acre, situate in District number —, of the Parish of —, [or — acres in District number —, and — acres in District number —,] and that you are entitled to vote therefor at this election of Commissioners of Sewers; and that you have not before voted at this election:" Which oath the said Sheriff or Deputy is hereby authorized and required to administer; and no other proof of qualification shall be required of such voter.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Sheriff shall forthwith, after the final closing of the Poll, make return of his proceedings, together with the Poll Book, sealed up, into the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County, to be by such Clerk laid before the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace for said County.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of such Court to open and examine the Poll Book so returned; and if no substantial irregularity shall be made to appear, the same shall be confirmed, and the Court shall thereupon proceed to ascertain from the Poll Book which five Candidates have the highest number of votes; and if it shall appear on such examination of the Poll Book, that the proprietors of one half of the estimated number of acres in any District shall not have voted at such election, then the votes given on account of the Land in such District, shall be struck off and not allowed: and if after such examination and adjustment it appear that two or more Candidates have an equal number of votes, such Court shall then determine by lot which of such Candidates shall be deemed to have the majority, one over the other; and such Court shall then fix and determine the respective periods of service of each Commissioner, as follows: The Commissioner having the lowest number, to serve until the last day of April which shall first happen after the expiration of one year from the time of such examination and confirmation by such Court; the Commissioner having the next lowest number of votes, to serve for the period of two years, reckoned in like manner; and so on with the others; so that the Commissioner having the highest number of votes shall serve until the thirtieth day of April which shall so happen after the expiration of five years from the time of such examination and confirmation as aforesaid; which confirmation and determination shall be entered in the Minutes of said Court: and it shall be the duty of the Clerk of said Court forthwith to furnish the Commissioners so elected and confirmed with a copy of the same, in order that such Commissioners may be notified of their appointment, and be sworn into office, which any Justice of the Peace of the County in which such Marsh Land is situate, is hereby authorized to do; and any Commissioner so elected, confirmed and notified, who shall neglect for the period of one month after the receipt of such notice to take the oath of office shall be deemed to have refused to accept such office.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the persons so chosen, confirmed and sworn as Commissioners of Sewers

for any such Parish, shall be deemed the Commissioners of Sewers in and for said Parish, with all the duties, powers, authorities and privileges imposed and conferred in and by an Act made and passed in the tenth and eleventh years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal certain Acts relating to Commissioners of Sewers, and to make more effectual provisions in lieu thereof," during the period of their respective times of service; and in case of refusal to act as aforesaid, death, or expiration of the time of service of any such Commissioners, the remaining Commissioners shall still have power to act, and shall be deemed the Commissioners of Sewers for said Parish; provided that no rate shall be made or imposed without the consent of a majority of the existing Commissioners, and that not less than two shall be a quorum for the making of any rate or assessment.

IX. And be it enacted, That in any Parish for which Commissioners may have been so chosen and confirmed, there shall always afterwards be held a meeting of the proprietors of Marsh, on the first Tuesday in May in every year, at some convenient place in said Parish, for the purpose of choosing Commissioners to supply any vacancies which may have happened by the death, expiration of the period of service, or refusal of any Commissioner to qualify and accept the office; at which annual meeting, some or one of the Commissioners remaining in office shall preside and take the poll to supply such vacancies, in all respects the same as is before provided for the Sheriff or his Deputy; which poll may in like manner be adjourned, and shall be finally closed on the second day at three o'clock, P. M., when the Commissioner or Commissioners taking such poll, shall proceed to count up the votes of duly qualified proprietors given at such election for the Candidate or Candidates, allowing the votes of any such proprietor of Marsh in any District which may then be under the jurisdiction and authority of the Commissioners of Sewers of such Parish, although a majority of acres in such District may not have been voted for at such election, but striking out the votes for Marsh in any District not then under the jurisdiction and authority of such Commissioners of Sewers, when it shall appear that a majority of the estimated number of acres therein shall not at such annual meeting have been voted for; and such Commissioner or Commissioners taking such poll, shall in like manner as directed for the Sheriff, return and file the proceedings and Poll Book of such election in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace, to be laid before the next Court of Sessions of the Peace, for examination and confirmation; which Court shall in like manner, as before directed, examine such proceedings and Poll Book, and if no substantial irregularity be made to appear, shall confirm the same, and proceed to ascertain from such return and Poll Book the name or names of the Commissioner or Commissioners elected, and fix the periods of service as follows: If only one Commissioner be elected, his period of service shall expire on the day preceding the annual election to take place five years after the time he was elected; and if two be elected, the period of the service of the Commissioner having the lowest number of votes shall be four years from the like time to expire on the like day, and so on if more be chosen; and in case of any two or more Commissioners having an equal number of votes, the Court shall determine by lot in like manner as before directed by the seventh Section of this Act, which Commissioner shall be deemed, for the purpose of determining such period of service, to have the greater number of votes; which determination and confirmation shall be entered in the Minutes of said Court, and notice of appointment given to the Commissioners in like manner as is provided in the case of the first election before the Sheriff or his Deputy; provided that the neglect of any Commissioner chosen and confirmed agreeably to this Act, to be sworn within the time prescribed, or the neglect or omission to