

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PERMITTED TO APPOINT CLERKS**

**Act of Apr. 18, 1899, P.L. 56, No. 53**

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AN ACT

Authorizing the county commissioners of the several counties in this Commonwealth to appoint a clerk, fix his compensation, and prescribe the term and duties of the clerk, except in counties where the clerk to the county commissioners is elected by the people.

Section 1. Majority may appoint clerk

The county commissioners of the several counties within this Commonwealth shall constitute a board, a majority of whom shall have authority to appoint a competent person as clerk. 1899, April 18, P.L. 56, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Term of office of clerk; vacancies

The clerk so appointed shall hold his office for the term of four years, and in case of a vacancy by death, resignation, or removal for cause, his successor shall serve for the unexpired time for which he was appointed, and shall receive such salary as the commissioners shall determine. 1899, April 18, P.L. 56, Sec. 2; 1913, May 8, P.L. 161, Sec. 1.

Section 3. Clerk; duties and oath of office

He shall keep the books and accounts of the board, record or file their proceedings and papers, attest all orders and warrants issued by them, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office as clerk; he shall before entering upon the duties of his office take and subscribe the oath prescribed by section one of article seven of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, which oath or affirmation shall be filed by such clerk in the office of the clerk of the court of quarter sessions of the same county. 1899, April 18, P.L. 56, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Application of act limited

Provided, That this act shall not be construed to authorize the appointment of commissioners' clerk by the county commissioners of any county wherein the clerk to the commissioners is now elected by the people. 1899, April 18, P.L. 56, Sec. 4.

Section 5. Clerk to give bond

The clerk so appointed shall enter into a bond to the county with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum as may be designated by the commissioners. 1899, April 18, P.L. 56, Sec. 5.