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"An Ordinance for the Organization of a Water Department of the City of Baltimore."

Section 1 – Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Water Board of the City of Baltimore shall consist of three Commissioners; the first of whom shall be President; the second, first Assistant Commissioner, and the third, second Assistant Commissioner.

Section 2 – And be it enacted and ordained, that the members of the Baltimore Water Board shall be appointed as other City officers are appointed, without regard to party or personal favor, and on account of their qualification and reputation only.

Section 3 – And be it enacted and ordained, that in case of the disability of the President of the Board, the first Assistant Commissioner, and in case of his disability, the second Assistant Commissioner shall exercise the duties of the office of President, during the continuance of such disability.

Section 4 – And be it enacted and ordained, that the term of office of said Commissioners shall be as follows:– The President shall continue in office from the date of his appointment until the first of March, 1856 – the first Assistant Commissioner from the date of his appointment until the first of March, 1857 – and the second Assistant Commissioner from the date of his appointment until the first of March, 1858; and from and after the expiration of each term of office as above mentioned, the term of office of the several Commissioners hereafter appointed, shall be three years from the date of their appointment.