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As it enacted, &c. SEC. 1. That after the passage of this act there shall be organized in said city of Chicago an executive department of the municipal government, to be known as the Board of Police of the city of Chicago; said board shall consist of three Commissioners, to be chosen one from the South, one from the West, and one from the North Divisions of said city, who shall constitute said board. That until election and qualification, in the manner and at the time herein provided, the Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice of the Senate, appoint the first Commissioners of said board of Police, and who shall respectively hold their offices for two, four and six years from and after the next general municipal election in said city, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; said board shall possess the power and perform the duties authorized and empowered by said act. A majority of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. Said Commissioners, when appointed, shall within ten days after their appointment, or as soon thereafter as may be, proceed to organize said board, and decide by lot their respective terms of office; which decision shall be filed in the office of the city clerk; one of said Commissioners shall go out of office at the end of each two years from and after the next general municipal election.

SEC. 3. At the general municipal election in said city, in A. D. 1863, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected at the general city election in said city, a commissioner of said board of police to succeed the member whose term of office expires, so that one of said officers shall be successively elected every second year from the division of said city, in which said commissioner resides, whose term of office expires, and said commissioner when elected shall hold his office for six years. In case of a vacancy, the Mayor may appoint until the next municipal election.

SEC. 4. Said Commissioners after the organization of said Board, in pursuance of this act, shall assume control of the police force of said city, and shall proceed to organize the same in pursuance of the provisions of this act, and for this purpose they are hereby authorized to retain such officers of the present police of said city, as said board shall deem necessary for the more perfect re-organization of said police, which officers shall be discharged by said Board when in their discretion the services of the same can be dispensed with.