

qualified, and at next general election the qualified voters shall elect a person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

165. The Commissioners of Sharptown shall, by posting notice in at least four public places in Sharptown aforesaid at least ten days prior to holding of an election for the purpose of electing the Commissioners of Sharptown, give notice thereof, stating the object of said election, and the time and place and hours of holding same. The said commissioners shall appoint three citizens, qualified voters of said town, to act as judges of election, who before acting as such shall take oath in due form of law, before a justice of the peace of Wicomico county, to fairly and impartially perform the duties of judges of such election, and any person so appointed failing to qualify and appear and to open the poles at the time hereinafter stated, or perform the duties required of them as judges, unless incapacitated by sickness, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction after indictment shall be fined not less than ten dollars and be committed to county jail until fine and costs are paid. In case any of the judges so appointed shall fail to appear and qualify as aforesaid, then the commissioners shall at once appoint another person, or persons, to act in the place of the one, or ones so failing to appear and qualify, and one of the judges present may administer the oath to the newly appointed judge or judges. Should none of the judges be present at the opening of the polls, then the qualified voters may select from those present at the opening of the polls three persons to act as judges of said election. The judges shall appoint one of their number as clerk to the election; they shall keep the polls open from two P. M. to five P. M.; they shall within two days return the number of votes cast for each person to the Commissioners of Sharptown, and the persons appearing by said election to have received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

166. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners of Sharptown after the annual election and qualification of its members, at its first regular meeting shall appoint not more than three persons as policemen whose duty it shall be to preserve order, and to enforce the ordinances of the town, and such other duties as the commissioners may from time to time require, and each of whom shall hold office for one year from date of appointment, or until his or their successor or successors are appointed and qualified. The compensation of said officials shall be such as are prescribed by law, resolution or ordinance from time to time. And said policemen before entering upon the performance of their duties shall take oath before a justice of the peace