

the posting of such notice shall be borne by the applicant and every applicant shall be required to pay to the Board of License Commissioners a sufficient sum to cover the cost of such publication and notice before any such publication and notice. At the time fixed by the notice for hearing upon the application or upon any postponement of such time, any person shall be heard on either side of the question, and in Baltimore City if it shall appear that more than fifty percent (50%) in number of the owners of real or leasehold property situated within 200 feet of the place of business for which application is made are opposed to the granting of the license, or if the Board of License Commissioners for said City or any County determines that the granting of the license is not necessary for the accommodation of the public or that the applicant is not a fit person to receive the license applied for, or has made a material false statement in his application, or has practiced fraud in connection with said application, or that the operation of the business, if the license is granted, will unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located, or that there are other reasons, in the discretion of the Board, why the license should not be issued, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. If no such findings are made by the Board, then the application shall be approved and the said Board shall issue its certificate of approval for presentation to the Clerk of the Court of the County in which the place of business is to be located, and the said Clerk shall issue the license applied for upon presentation of said certificate, and the payment of the fee required.

1933 (Special Sess.), ch. 2, sec. 7.

*7. Procedure in Issue of Licenses in Counties Having No Board of License Commissioners.* In those counties having no Board of License Commissioners, at least one week before the Clerk shall issue any license, he shall cause a notice of the application to be advertised one time in some newspaper published or generally circulated in the County or City in which the licensed place of business is proposed to be located, and the said notice shall indicate that the license will be granted unless a written protest is filed with the Clerk of the Court, on or before the expiration of one week from the date of such publication. No such protest shall be valid to delay the issue of such a license unless the same has been signed by ten or more reputable citizens of the state who are real estate owners in the voting precinct in which the business sought to be licensed is to be carried on.

If such objections against the granting of any such license in any of the counties are filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County in which the business is to be conducted, then the application, the objections and any other papers or documents appertaining thereto shall be forthwith transmitted by the Clerk of the Court to the Bureau of State Licenses, which, for the purpose of administering this Article, shall comprise the Chief Inspector, provided for in Section 7 of Article 56 of the Code of