

notice of the application to be advertised two times 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 two weeks from the date of the first publication. If no written objections are filed with the Clerk before the expiration of the time specified in the publication of notice, the Clerk shall forthwith issue the license applied for, upon payment of the fee required.

(b) **PROTEST.** A protest shall not 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.

(c) **BUREAU.** 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. The said Bureau, after due notice to the applicant and to one or more of the objectors shall notify the Clerk of the Court of the Bureau's findings thereon. If the Bureau 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 such license, or he has made a material false statement in his application, or has practiced fraud in the 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 Bureau why the license should not be issued under other sections of this Article, then the application shall be disapproved, and no such license shall be issued. If no such findings are made by the Bureau, then the application shall be approved and the Clerk shall forthwith issue the license applied for upon receipt of notice or a certificate of approval from the Bureau, and upon payment of the fee required. The findings of the Bureau in connection with all such applications shall be final only in those counties where no appeal to a Court is provided in any other section of this Article.

(d) **QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.** In Queen Anne's County the advertisement shall be published at least once during a period of one week. On or before the expiration of said period, any ten or more reputable citizens, voters and taxpayers residing in the election district in which the business sought to be