

## BETTERTON

"(Conduct of Elections.) It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to provide for each special and general election a suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and/or voting machines. The ballots and/or voting machines shall show the name of each candidate nominated for elective office in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, arranged in alphabetical order by office with no party designation of any kind. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall keep the polls open from [2:00 P.M.] 10:00 A.M. to [7:00 P.M.] 8:00 P.M. on election days or for [longer] SHORTER hours if [the] A MAJORITY OF THE [Commission] COUNCIL requires it.

SECTION 15. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Section 26 of the Charter be changed to Section 25, and is hereby amended to read:

"(Vote Count.) Within [twelve] TWENTY-FOUR hours after the closing of the polls, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine the vote cast for each candidate or question and shall certify the results of the election to the Clerk-Treasurer of the Town who shall record the results in the minutes of the [Commission] COUNCIL. However, write-in votes shall not be counted. [The Candidate for Commissioner with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected.]"

SECTION 16. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Section 29 of the Charter which reads as follows, be and is hereby repealed:

[(Women.) Women shall have equal privileges with men in registering, voting, and holding town offices. Whenever the masculine gender has been used as to any registering, voting, or holding town office, it shall be construed to include the feminine gender.]

SECTION 17. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that former Section 35 of the Charter be changed to new Section 33, and is hereby amended to read:

"[Fiscal Year.) The Town shall operate on an annual budget. The fiscal year of the Town shall begin on the first day of [January] JULY and shall end on the last day of [December] JUNE. Such fiscal year shall constitute the tax year, the budget year, and the accounting year."