

25. The Commissioners of the said town shall appoint three judges of the biennial election, who shall appoint a clerk. The polls shall be opened at nine o'clock A.M. and closed at three o'clock P.M. The ballots shall be carefully counted, and a report filed with the Commissioners of said town, and certificates of election granted by judges to the Commissioners so elected. The judges of election shall, before proceeding to hold an election, take oath before some justice of the peace of Wicomico County to allow all persons who are qualified to vote, and that they will have said election conducted fairly, and that no one will be allowed to vote unless duly qualified.

How elections shall be held.

26. If any person elected as Commissioner shall refuse to serve as such, or his place become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining Commissioners may fill his place from among the qualified voters of the town. Each Commissioner before he acts as such shall make oath before some justice of the peace that he will diligently and faithfully, and to the best of his skill, perform his duties as Commissioner without favor, partiality or prejudice, and the justice of the peace shall make out a certificate of such qualification, and shall file the same with the Commissioners, and be recorded among the records of the town, and the Commissioners shall meet the second Monday after their election, and shall hold stated meetings the second Monday in every month thereafter, and adjourned or called meetings can be called at any time by the president of the board as may be necessary for transaction of business, and a majority of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

May fill vacancy.

Shall make oath.

27. At their regular meeting after the biennial election, and the qualification of the newly-elected members, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall elect one of their members president, and one of their members as clerk, and one of their members treasurer, and at their second regular meeting shall elect a bailiff for said town, who shall not be one of the Commissioners, and they may elect and appoint a counsel, and give him such compensation as may be agreed upon; one and the same person may act as clerk and treasurer, and the bailiff may be collector of taxes; either of the above-named officers shall be subject to removal by a vote of the majority of the whole number of Commissioners, and the Commissioners shall prescribe their duties and fix their compensation by ordinance when not otherwise prescribed by this Act.

Election of officers.