

the time of appointing judges of election the Commissioners shall also designate a polling place in each ward. The names of the three judges of election and the alternate judge, the places designated for polling places, and a notice of the date and object of said election shall be published under the direction of the Commissioners in one or more of the newspapers issued in said town once a week for two successive weeks in the month next preceding the election, and at least ten days before the date thereof. But if the Commissioners fail to perform the duties herein prescribed, or any of said duties, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester County shall be and is hereby authorized and directed at any time within ten days next before said election to perform any of the duties omitted by the Commissioners. Instead, however, of publishing in one or more newspapers the names of the three judges of election and the alternate judge, and the polling places, and the notice of the date and object of the election, the Clerk of the Circuit Court may make publication thereof by handbills posted in at least three conspicuous places in each ward.

Before proceeding to act, the three judges of election and the alternate judge shall make oath before one of the Commissioners, or before a justice of the peace, "That he will well and faithfully, without fear or favor, partiality or prejudice, perform the duties of judges of election on the occasion of said election, and the officer who administers said oath to said judges shall make out and subscribe a certificate of such fact and return the same to the Commissioners or to the Town Clerk for them. If any of the three judges of election, appointed in the several wards, shall fail, without good and sufficient reason to excuse him, to attend and act, or who shall act without making oath as aforesaid, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or in said Circuit Court, he shall be fined fifty dollars and shall stand committed till fine and costs are paid. All fines imposed for any violation of any of the provisions of this enactment or charter shall be paid to the Town Clerk for corporate purposes. If at the hour appointed for opening the polls at such election any of the three judges appointed for any of the wards shall fail to attend, the alternate judge for the same shall take the oath prescribed to be taken by such judges of election before a Commissioner or justice of the peace, who shall make out and sign a certificate setting forth that said oath was duly taken, and said officer shall return said certificate to the Commissioners or Town Clerk for them,

Polling places.

Judges shall make oath, etc.

Fines for violation.

Alternate judge and duties of.