

and the alternate judge shall become a judge of election and discharge the duties thereof. And if from sickness or other necessity, any judge in any ward shall become unable to act, after beginning to discharge the duties of judge, the alternate judge, having taken the proper oath, shall become and act as judge thereafter. Between the time when a judge retires, as aforesaid, and the qualification of the alternate judge, the remaining judges shall conduct the election. Each judge of election, who acts, shall be entitled to be paid by the town one dollar for his services as judge at and in connection with said election. Compensation

The Commissioners shall also appoint for every such election in each ward two clerks, who shall receive the same compensation as the judges of election. Clerks
of election.

ELECTION RETURNS.

49. The judges of election in each ward, immediately after the polls are closed on the day of election for Commissioners, shall count the ballots cast therein, and the judges who count the same shall make out and sign a return, wherein they shall set forth the whole number of votes cast and the names of all the candidates, and the number of votes which each one received in said ward, and the correctness of this return shall be verified by an oath taken before a justice of the peace, who shall append to such return his certificate that the said oath was taken and subscribed by the judges of election before him. Election
returns.
How made

In the returns for the several wards the judges of the ward who sign the same shall appoint one of their number as general return judge, and shall deliver to him said returns within twenty-four hours after the polls close; at said election the general return judges shall meet and make out and subscribe a certificate wherein they shall set forth the name of the candidate in each ward who received the highest number of votes therein, and wherein they shall declare that the candidates named by them as having received the highest number of votes in the several wards are and have been elected Commissioners of Cambridge for two years from the second Wednesday of July following such election. The general return judges shall forthwith deliver the returns from the several wards and their certificate and declaration of election, verified by their oath before a justice of the peace, who shall return certificate thereof to the Commissioners or to the Town Clerk for the Commissioners. Return
judges.
Duties of.