

ceding the election, and also all untaxed male inhabitants of said town possessing the qualifications of age and residence above set forth whose wives are assessed as aforesaid, and no others, shall elect by ballot, on the first Monday of April, in the year 1900, and every two years thereafter, three male residents of said town and holding real estate in said town above the value of three hundred dollars, as Town Commissioners thereof. And at any time before such election is held the Town Commissioners then in office shall appoint some justice of the peace of Queen Anne's County residing in said town a judge of election, who shall appoint a clerk to take down the votes cast at said election; and the clerk aforesaid before he proceeds to act as such shall take an oath before said justice of the peace that he will truly, faithfully and impartially take down the names of all such persons as shall be permitted by the said judge to vote at said election. And said judge of election shall have possession and custody of the tax book of said town while any election as aforesaid is being held for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the persons entitled to vote at said election. The polls for the election aforesaid shall be opened at the court house in said town at the hour of 9 o'clock A.M., and shall be closed at 6 o'clock P.M. No vote shall be taken before or after said hours respectively. And after the polls are closed the said judge shall proceed forthwith, in the presence of such persons as may attend, to count the ballots, and shall ascertain and publicly declare the three persons having the highest number of votes duly elected Town Commissioners of Centreville for the ensuing two years and until their successors have qualified; and the said justice of the peace shall receive for acting as judge of election the sum of five dollars; and the said clerk shall receive the sum of three dollars, to be paid by said town.

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44. If any of said Town Commissioners so elected shall refuse or neglect to qualify, or die, or remove out of said town, or become otherwise disqualified, his place shall be filled for the residue of the term by the selection of some one possessing the qualifications for Town Commissioner aforesaid by the remaining Town Commissioners, who shall qualify by taking the oath aforesaid before some justice of the peace of said county residing in said town, a certificate of which oath shall be duly filed and recorded among the minutes of said Town Commissioners.

May fill
vacancies.

45. Within ten days after their election, as provided in Section forty-three, each of said Town Commissioners shall