

Denny's gate on the Columbia Turnpike road; thence by a straight line to Mrs. Frances Hazlehurst's gate; and thence to the place of beginning; all of said calls being as they existed in 1867, saving and excepting, however, all of that part of Ellicott City as contained within the above metes and bounds which lies on the east side of the centre of the channel of the Patapsco River and which is situated in Baltimore county, which portion so excepted shall no longer be or constitute a part of Ellicott City.

SEC. 51. The Commissioners of Ellicott City shall be male, bona fide citizens, residents of Ellicott City, and of the State of Maryland, and shall be not less than twenty-one years of age, whose term of office shall be for four years from the date of their election and qualification as hereinafter provided, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, and in the event of the death, resignation, removal from office, or removal from the corporate limits of Ellicott City for the period of six months or more, or the failure to qualify as herein specified, a special election may be held to fill the unexpired term, said election to be in manner and form the same as hereinafter provided for the election of commissioners of said city, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 52. All Commissioners of Ellicott City before entering upon the duties of their office, shall make oath before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County that they will act faithfully without favor, partiality or prejudice, in all things appertaining to their office, and that they have the qualifications herein specified, and the failure of any person so elected to qualify as aforesaid within two weeks after his election, shall be deemed a refusal to accept said office, and said vacancy shall be filled by a special election to be ordered by the other members of the Board of Commissioners of Ellicott City.

SEC. 53. The Commissioners of Ellicott City shall meet on the first Monday of each month at such hour and place as may be fixed by the president of said board of commissioners, and at such other times as they shall indicate.

SEC. . The present Mayor and City Council of Ellicott City shall within thirty days after the approval of this act, appoint one person, a resident voter of said city, officer of registration of Ellicott City, who shall hold office for four years from the date of his appointment, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified. Said officer of registration shall qualify by taking the usual oath of office before a justice of the peace resident of Howard county, and shall procure a registration book similar in all respects to the registration books now