

the greatest number of votes cast for commissioners of Ellicott City, shall be declared elected commissioners of Ellicott City. And the commissioners so elected shall severally hold their respective offices for the space and term of four years from the date of their qualification and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. . The election for commissioners of Ellicott City, shall be held at such place in said city as may be designated by the present Mayor of Ellicott City, and hereafter by the commissioners or a majority of the board of commissioners of said city on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of May, 1912, and every fourth year thereafter, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon, and seven o'clock in the evening of the same day; such designation shall be by handbills posted in at least five public places within the corporate limits of Ellicott City, as now defined, at least ten days before said election.

SEC. . Said judges of election shall take and subscribe to the oath of office within ten days after their respective appointments as aforesaid before any justice of the peace for Howard county, which justice shall receive as compensation for taking said oath the amount now allowed by law for the taking of oaths before justices of the peace. In case of vacancy or vacancies among the judges of election, mentioned as aforesaid, by death or otherwise, said vacancy or vacancies shall at any time thereafter be filled by appointment by the present Mayor of Ellicott City, and hereafter by the commissioners of Ellicott City.

SEC. . The duties of the judges of election as heretofore named shall be the same as the corresponding officers of elections for members of the General Assembly of Maryland, except as provided by this act, and the said election shall be conducted by open ballots or tickets printed for that purpose, which the judges of election shall cause to be prepared for such election, and there shall be at least one thousand of said tickets or ballots as aforesaid prepared for every such election which shall consist of as many complete tickets as shall be filed with the said judges of election, each of said tickets to be endorsed in writing by at least five bona fide taxpayers of said Ellicott City.

SEC. . There shall be an entire new registration of voters for Ellicott City every ten years accounting from the first day of the sitting of officer of registration held under this act.

SEC. 54. Two members of the Board of Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the board of commissioners shall pass all needful rules and by-laws for their government, while in session.