

1912, and every second year thereafter on the first Monday in May, at such place or places as shall be designated by the judges of election, between the hours of 5 o'clock P. M. and 9 o'clock P. M., elect by ballot one person for Mayor of said town, who shall serve for a term of two years, or until his successor is elected and qualified; the qualified voters aforesaid shall also elect on said first Monday in May, 1912, four persons to be members of the council of said town, who, together with the Mayor, shall constitute the council of said town; two of the said councilmen shall serve for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and two for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and at the first meeting of the council they shall decide by lot the members of these two classes; and thereafter they, the said voters shall annually elect two persons as members of the council, to serve for two years or until their successors are elected and qualified. The judges of election shall, before holding elections, make oath before a justice of the peace for Montgomery county or the Mayor of Somerset, who is hereby empowered to administer such oath, that they will well and faithfully perform the duties of their office and that they will permit every qualified voter to vote, and none other. The qualifications for voters for Mayor and councilmen shall be as follows: That they shall be male citizens of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or upwards, taxpayers or husbands of same, of the county or of said town, and bona fide residents of said town for not less than six months next preceding the election at which they shall vote.

1906, ch. 795, sec. 4.

538. That the Mayor shall be a voter of said town as above prescribed, and a citizen of the State of Maryland, a bona fide property owner, or the husband of such, within the corporate limits, not less than twenty-five years of age, and must have resided within said limits for a period of not less than three years next preceding the election in which he is a candidate for such office. He shall preside at all meetings of the council and shall call such special meetings of the same from time to time as he may deem necessary, but in the event of the absence of the Mayor from any meeting, the members of the council present shall elect one of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall, for the time being, be clothed with all the powers and authorities of said Mayor. The council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session. All vacancies in the office of Mayor or councilman caused by death, absence from session of the council for more