

1900, ch. 564.

**301.** The word resident in the preceding section shall be so construed as to include a resident for commercial or business purposes.

1894, ch. 140, sec. 175C. 1902, ch. 415, sec. 175C. 1904, ch. 57, sec. 175C.  
1908, ch. 628, sec. 175C (p. 475). 1910, ch. 296, sec. 175C (p. 477).  
1916, ch. 150. 1918, ch. 287.

**302.** There shall be annexed to said petition a certificate signed by at least six reputable citizens residing or doing business in the neighborhood in which the petitioner or petitioners applies or apply for a license to do business, stating the full name, residence or place of business of each person certifying that they have been acquainted with the petitioner or petitioners for one year preceding said application for said licenses, and that they have good reason to believe and do believe that all the statements contained in said petition are true, and that they therefore pray that the prayer of said petitioner be granted and that the licenses be issued as prayed for. If after the notice provided for in this Act, there be no remonstrances filed with said Clerk against the issuing of any licenses prayed for, said Clerk shall issue such license upon said petitioner filing with said Clerk a bond as hereinbefore provided, to be approved by said Clerk, and paying said Clerk for license to keep an oyster house, cook shop, victualling house, tavern, lager beer saloon, or any ordinary license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors, the sum of one hundred dollars; fifty dollars of which shall be paid to the State, and fifty dollars shall be paid to the Treasurer of Allegany County for county purposes; and paying for licenses to sell spirituous or fermented liquors by retailers, under Article 56, Sections 55 to 66,\* inclusive, as aforesaid, the license fee required by said Article 56, Sections 55 to 66, inclusive; provided, however, that if there be any remonstrance against the issuing of such license to anyone petitioning therefor, the said Clerk shall not issue the same, and the Circuit Court for Allegany County shall fix a day as early as practicable when petitions and remonstrances shall be heard provided that all remonstrances against granting licenses shall be filed within twenty days after filing of application for licenses under this Act; and said Court shall, in its discretion, whenever in its opinion the petitioner or petitioners is or are unfit person or persons to be granted such licenses, or, in the discretion of the Court, the place of which license is applied for is not a proper one with reference to the public peace and general welfare of the neighborhood or to the character of its inhabitants, due regard being given to the number of said licenses issued for said neighborhood, the Court having the discretion to allow or disallow the license at the place applied for, direct said Clerk not to issue the same; but if said Court shall determine that such license shall be issued, then the Clerk shall issue the same; provided, that no license under this Act shall be issued to any applicant therefor until the license fee, hereinbefore provided, shall have been paid and the bond herein provided for shall have been

\*Secs. 73-84 of 1924 edition.