

1896, ch. 178, sec. 5. 1916, ch. 114, sec. 5.

480. The government of said town shall be vested in and enforced by three Commissioners who shall be elected by the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote for Delegates to the General Assembly; the said Commissioners shall be at least twenty-five years of age and payers of taxes on the assessed value of at least five hundred dollars worth of property, subject to municipal taxation, and shall have resided at least two years within said town. At the election for Commissioners to be held in April, 1917, the Commissioner receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for a period of three years, the one receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for a period of two years and the one receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for a period of one year, and if at said election there should be a tie between two or more candidates with the highest number of votes, the one to hold office for three years shall be publicly determined by lot, after due notice to the parties interested, by the Judges of Election; and if at said election there should be a tie between two or more candidates with the next highest number of votes, the one to hold office for two years shall be publicly determined by lot after due notice as aforesaid; and if at said election there should be a tie between two or more candidates with the next highest number of votes, the one to hold office for one year shall be publicly determined by lot after due notice as aforesaid. At the election to be held in April, 1918, there shall be one Commissioner elected for a period of three years and one Commissioner for a like period each year thereafter. Said election shall be held annually on the fourth Monday of April at such place in said town as shall be designated by the Commissioners between the hours of two and five o'clock P. M. The Commissioners shall give at least two weeks' notice of the election in one or more newspapers published in Caroline County, and by such other means as they may elect; and they shall appoint three Judges of Election, the Judges shall keep a record of the persons voting and the persons voted for, and the persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected; the Judges of Election shall notify the persons elected of their election, and the persons so elected shall severally hold their respective offices from the second Monday of May next ensuing the election for and during the terms respectively of three, two and one year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Said Judges shall conduct such election in accordance with the ordinance prescribing same, which shall require them to make return to the Commissioners and provide for the preservation of the ballots for a period of four months. If notice of such election shall not be given as hereinbefore required, or if the Judges of Election shall not be appointed or shall refuse to act five or more voters of said town may call the election of said officers by notices set up in at least four of the most public places in said town, not less than one week previous to said election, therein naming the time and place to hold such election and naming three Judges thereof, who or any two of whom may hold such election and have the same powers in respect thereto as the Judges appointed by the Commissioners.