

fill the vacancy; the said judges shall serve without pay, and shall promptly make their returns and without unreasonable delay to the Town Commissioners certifying and declaring what person shall have been elected Town Commissioners of La Plata at said election, and the Town Commissioners to whom such returns are made shall determine all questions arising upon said returns, and shall cause the said certificate and declarations of the said judges of election to be recorded among the records of the corporation, the first election held under this Act shall be held on the first Monday in May, in the year 1913. The voting at all elections held under the provisions of this Act shall be by ballot, on which shall be written the names of three persons and no more, possessing the qualifications for Town Commissioners of La Plata, as prescribed in this Act, and no other words, letters, figures, signs or symbols shall be printed or written upon said ballots; no other ballot than those herein prescribed shall be received or counted by the judges of election. The ballots shall be received by the judges, one of whom shall place the ballot in a box provided for that purpose, and another of whom shall write upon paper provided for the purpose the name of each voter whose ballot is received; immediately after the close of the poll the ballots shall be taken from the box, one by one, counted and tallied by the judges of election; the papers containing the names of the voters and tallies as aforesaid, shall constitute a part of the returns of the judges of any election. The three candidates or persons voted for at any election, receiving the highest number of legal votes cast shall be declared Town Commissioners of La Plata elected at that election. Should there be a tie vote between any candidates at any election held under the provisions of this Act, the judges of said election shall determine and declare, if it should be necessary, which of such candidates shall be returned elected Town Commissioner or Town Commissioners of La Plata and they shall make their returns accordingly. Any candidate or candidates for Town Commissioners of La Plata or any other voter of the said town of La Plata feeling himself or themselves aggrieved at the result of said election as declared charging fraud or irregularity on the part of the election officials in the allowing of persons to vote not entitled to vote or in refusing the right to vote to persons entitled to vote or in the manner of conducting said election; or in the counting of the said ballots; or in the making of the returns of said election, or in doing any other act to defeat the will of the qualified voters or attempting to vote at any election for Town Commissioners for said town of La Plata, may appeal from the decision of the judges of election within thirty days from the day of the holding of any such election to the judges of the Circuit Court for Charles County; and said judges of the Circuit Court for Charles County are given jurisdiction to hear and determine all such contests. The manner of appeal shall be by petition accompanied by an affidavit of the petitioner or petitioners setting forth the grounds of appeal and the said Circuit Court for Charles County shall proceed forthwith in a summary way and with or without answer, pleading or technically to take testimony