

Town Clerk unless he embodies in the same all that the municipal records contain about the matter in question; and provided further, that the said Town Clerk, if called on for a copy of an ordinance, shall embrace with the copy of the ordinance asked any amendments that may have been made thereto, or if the same has been repealed, he shall state the fact in his certificate.

In the Circuit Court for Dorchester County and before any justice of the peace of said county, the record books themselves may be offered in evidence to prove any relevant or pertinent matter contained in the same. The Town Clerk shall be entitled to receive at the rate of ten cents for every hundred words, embraced in any extract or copy, but no compensation shall be paid for the extracts or copies for the use of the Commissioners, if made while the board is in session, at hours appointed by the board. The record books shall be open for the inspection of any resident of Cambridge, unless they are actually in use by the Commissioners or the Town Clerk.

#### COMMISSIONERS.

1900, ch. 339, sec. 45. 1910, ch. 233, sec. 45 (p. 772). 1912, ch. 694, sec. 45.

47. The corporate authority, government, rights, powers, and prerogatives of Cambridge shall be vested in and exercised by five commissioners, who shall be known as "The Commissioners of Cambridge," and shall be elected as in this Article is provided. The three Commissioners who shall be elected from Wards, 1, 4 and 5 at the election to be held on the second Wednesday of July, 1912, as hereinafter provided, shall hold office for four years from said second Wednesday of July and until their successors are elected and qualified, and the two Commissioners who shall be elected from Wards 2 and 3 at the election to be held on the second Wednesday of July, 1912, as hereinafter provided shall hold office for two years from said second Wednesday of July, 1912, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office of all Commissioners elected from each of said five wards at any regular election held under this Article after the year 1912, shall be for a term of four years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The said Commissioners shall be elected by ballot, one from each of the several wards, and each ward shall vote separately for its Commissioner. No one shall be eligible to be elected to the office of Commissioner unless on the day of election, wherein he is elected, he shall be a qualified voter and entitled to vote at the municipal elections of said town, and is then at least 25 years of age and has been a bona fide resident of said city for one year and a bona fide resident of the ward which he seeks to represent for six months next preceding the day of such election and unless he or his wife holds and possesses on the day of such election and has held and possessed for six months previous thereto real estate or leasehold property which is assessed on the assessment books of said city as worth at least three hundred dollars, provided, that in the case of leasehold property, the term or duration of said leasehold interest shall not be less than 15 years.