

1912, ch. 694, sec. 45A. 1916, ch. 694, sec. 45A.

48. The Commissioners of Cambridge may cause to be made, in any year, a general registration of the legal voters in each of the several wards of this city, the qualifications of such voters to be such as are now prescribed by the Constitution and laws of this State and of this Article, such registration shall be essential to the right to vote at any election, held under this Article, or under any of the provisions of any Act of the General Assembly, submitting any proposition or question to the decision of the voters of the City of Cambridge. In order to effect such general registration, the Commissioners of Cambridge, shall, on or before the first day of May in every year in which a general registration is held appoint two persons from each ward, of different political faith, to act as officers of registration in their respective wards, who shall sit on two consecutive days, viz: the first Tuesday and first Wednesday in May, and also on the first Wednesday and the first Thursday in July, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 5 P. M. on the said days for the purpose of enrolling and registering the qualified voters for their respective wards, in such places as shall be designated by the Commissioners of Cambridge, and shall receive such compensation, not exceeding three dollars per day, for such services as the Commissioners of Cambridge shall prescribe, either by order, passed at the time of appointment or by ordinance. Said registration shall specify the name, age, color and the residence of the voters on each street, lane or alley of the town, and for this purpose the Commissioners of Cambridge shall provide the necessary registration books, one for each ward, suitable for said purpose. After the registration is completed, the said books shall be returned by the said officers of registration to the town clerk, treasurer and collector, who shall safely keep and preserve them; and in every year after the year 1912, in the month of June, and on the first Tuesday of said month and the Wednesday following the said Tuesday, in the said month, the town clerk, treasurer and collector shall sit as an officer of registration, in the Council Chamber or in some other and convenient place, for the purpose of revising the registration books of the several wards and for transferring voters from one ward to the other in case such voters have changed their residence, and also for the purpose of adding the names of new and qualified voters to the list of registration, and of striking off from said registry the names of voters, known to be dead or proved to be dead to his satisfaction, or who are known to have changed their place of residence by removal from the town of Cambridge or by removing from one ward to the other, or names of persons whose removal as aforesaid is proved to the satisfaction of said officer. In case of any special election, the registry lists, as revised at the preceding June revision shall be used as evidence of the right of any person to vote. When sitting as an officer of registration, the town clerk, treasurer and collector shall have power to administer an oath to every applicant for registration and to any person, called as a witness to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and any false swearing shall be perjury. The Commissioners of Cambridge