

the second Wednesday of July, in the year 1916, and on the second Wednesday of July in each and every fourth year thereafter, by the qualified voters of each of wards Nos. 1, 4 and 5, a Commissioner who shall hold office for a term of four years or until his successor is duly elected and qualified. The Commissioners shall provide the official ballots for such election or elections, the form and arrangement of such ballot to be as they shall be by order prescribed except that all candidates for the same office shall be grouped together and the names shall be arranged alphabetically on said ballot. The Commissioners shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, at each polling place on the day of said election to the judges of election before the opening hour, the said registries of voters and a sufficient number of the said official ballots, not less, however, than twice the number of registered voters at each polling place or ward, and one of such ballots shall be handed by the judges of election to the voters as they shall apply for them for the purpose of voting and shall be accepted by the judges or counted in canvassing the vote provided that nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent candidates for the various offices to have sample ballots, to be provided for at their own expense, for instructing the voters. After each name on said ballot and to the right thereof, shall be a square upon which the voter shall make a cross-mark to indicate the candidate of his choice. If any voter cannot read or write, or is disabled by reason of any physical infirmity, he may ask one of the judges of election to mark his ballot as he desires. When a voter offers to vote the judges shall ascertain by reference if his name is on the registry of voters.

In every election, whether such election by the regular election or any special election, the polls shall be opened at noon and closed at 5 P. M. In all elections to ascertain the sense of the qualified voters of the town as to the passage of any ordinance or ordinances the election shall be held by wards and all the polls shall be opened at 2 P. M. and closed at 5 P. M., on the day appointed for such election.

1900, ch. 339, sec. 48. 1904, ch. 395, sec. 48. 1912, ch. 694, sec. 48.

52. Within the 20 days next preceding any primary election or any special election held under this Article, the Commissioners shall appoint two clerks and two judges of elections in each ward in which such election is to be held, who shall serve as such at said primary election and at the general election to follow in the wards for which they are respectively appointed of whom one judge and one clerk of election shall be of different political party from the others, one of said judges shall also be designated, at the time of appointment, as return judge. At the time of the appointment of the judges and clerks of election, the Commissioners shall also name a polling place in each ward. The Commissioners shall publish in one or more newspapers published in Cambridge the names of the judges and clerks of election, the polling place in each ward and the date and object of the election; said notice shall be published at least twice before each election and the last publication shall not be more than ten nor less