

or persons so filed as aforesaid shall also be placed on said ballot, and the ballot shall be prepared and printed under the direction and supervision of the Register of said town, and be supplied at the election to voters desiring to vote, and no other ballot shall be used or permitted to be used at said election, and any other ballot used shall be null and void, and shall not be counted. Persons desiring to vote shall draw a line through the names of the persons on said ballot for whom they do not desire to vote, leaving remaining on said ballot the names of those persons for whom the voter desires to cast his ballot; the names so remaining on the ballot being not more than one candidate for Burgess, and not over five candidates for Commissioner.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 354. 1918 Code, sec. 521.

529. All elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the ordinances of the corporation, not inconsistent with the subtitle of this Article.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 355. 1918 Code, sec. 522.

530. The burgess shall qualify by taking and subscribing the oath of office before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, or before one of his sworn deputies; and before proceeding to act, shall give bond to the Burgess and Commissioners of Middletown, with securities to be approved by the commissioners, in the sum of five hundred dollars, for the faithful discharge of his duties; and the commissioners and all other officers of said corporation, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall severally take and subscribe before the burgess, the following oath: I,, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise and declare that I will faithfully execute the office of to the best of my knowledge and ability, without favor, affection or partiality; if the persons elected burgess and commissioners, respectively, or any of them, shall fail to take the oath prescribed in this section within ten days after notice of their election shall have been communicated to them in writing, by the person who, under the ordinances of the town, may be appointed to hold such election, the said person or persons so appointed, within five days thereafter, shall order an election to fill the vacancy or vacancies caused by such failure to qualify.

1896, ch. 96, sec. 356. 1918 Code, sec. 523.

531. The burgess and commissioners may meet as often as occasion may require upon the business of the corporation, at which meetings the burgess shall preside, and, if during the year for which they may be elected, any of the five commissioners should die, resign, remove from said town, or become *non compos mentis*, an election shall be called by said burgess to fill the vacancy, at which election all persons qualified under the provisions of Section 528 of this subtitle shall be entitled to vote; in the event of the death, resignation, removal or disqualification of the burgess, the board of commissioners shall select one of their own body to serve as burgess, until the next annual election, and the commis-