

(N) Any person who shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, who shall not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, who shall be a registered voter and a taxpayer on real property in said town, and who shall be a resident of the ward from which he seeks election, shall be eligible for the office of Commissioner.

(O) A person shall be deemed a candidate for the office of Commissioner and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the ballots prepared by the Board of Election Supervisors provided such person shall, at least ten days (including Sundays and holidays) prior to the date of said election file with said Board a petition, signed by at least five registered voters of the ward from which such person seeks election, which said petition shall state (a) the name and address of the candidate (b) the ward from which he seeks election (c) the fact that such person is eligible for the office of Commissioner and (d) that such person wishes his name placed on the ballot as a candidate from his ward. Such petition shall be sworn to, by the person so filing the same, before the Secretary Commissioner or before a justice of the peace or other officer or person (including a notary public) having authority to administer oaths in Prince George's County, both as to the fact of his eligibility and as to the genuineness of the signatures of such petition. No person shall be deemed a candidate nor shall his name be placed upon the ballots unless the provisions of this paragraph shall have been complied with.

(P) After the polls are closed on the night of the election, the Board of Supervisors shall count the votes and the candidate from each ward who shall have received the greatest number of the total number of votes cast shall be deemed to be the elected Commissioner from such ward. And in counting the votes, no ballot shall be rejected because the voter casting the same shall have voted for only one candidate. And if in his ballot any voter shall have voted twice or thrice for the same candidate, such ballot shall be counted as but a single vote for such candidate.

(Q) After the ballots and votes have been counted and the result ascertained, said Board shall, within twenty-four (24) hours certify to The Cottage City Commission the result of such election, stating the names of the candidates and the number of votes cast for each, and shall, within the same period, post at least one copy of such certificate at the voting place in each ward and also at the regular meeting place of said Commission. Such certificate shall be signed by each member of said Board of Election Supervisors. Provided, however, that failure on the part of said Board to make such certificate or to post copies thereof, or failure to do both of these acts, shall not invalidate such election. If said Board shall so fail to make such certificate and post copies thereof, then it shall be the duty of The Cottage City Commission to make such certificate and post such copies thereof.

(R) After said Board shall have counted the ballots and votes and ascertained the result of the election, said Board shall file with The Cottage City Commission all records and books in connection with such election.