

appointment is unable or declines to serve the remaining judges shall name some one to take his place. Suitable ballot boxes, polling places and printed ballots shall be provided by the said Commissioners. Any person desiring to become a candidate for any elective office shall, at least ten days before election, file, or cause to be filed with the Commissioners, the chairman or clerk thereof, a petition stating that he or she is a candidate for the office, which petition must be signed by such person and endorsed by at least (15) persons entitled to vote in the next town election. Upon the filing of such petition the Commissioners shall print such person's name upon the ballot, with a square opposite each, the names appearing in the order in which their petitions were received by the Commissioners. Preceding the list of names on the ballot, there shall appear a statement instructing the voter how many persons to vote for. Immediately upon the closing of the polls the ballots shall be publicly counted and the said judges shall within two days thereafter make a true and correct return of the votes so cast in a sealed envelope to the chairman of the said Commissioners, and within ten days thereafter the said Commissioners shall meet and canvass said return and declare those qualified persons receiving the highest number of votes duly elected. In case two or more persons shall have received the same number of votes so that there is no choice for the office, a new election shall be immediately proclaimed by the said Commissioners from among such tie candidates, which election shall be held on five days' notice and in all respects as aforesaid except as to the day of election and the convening of the Commissioners.

## 1929, ch. 342, sec. 6.

446. The Commissioners elected shall hold office for one year from the first Tuesday in August or until their successors shall be elected, or appointed, and qualified as herein provided. In case any person elected Commissioner shall fail to qualify within thirty (30) days after his election as Commissioner, or in case of any vacancy by death, resignation, removal from said town, or otherwise, the remaining Commissioners shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a resident qualified voter and property owner of said town of Fairmount Heights, who shall hold office for such term or unexpired term. All vacancies on the Board of Commissioners caused by absences from its session for more than three consecutive months without excuse satisfactory to the remaining Commissioners, shall be filled by the remaining Commissioners in the same manner as provided in this section for filling vacancies due to other causes. The Commissioners shall serve without pay and shall at their first meeting after election elect one of their number to be chairman of the Board of Commissioners. They shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session.

## 1929, ch. 342, sec. 7.

447. The Commissioners shall meet in some convenient place in said town on the second Tuesday in August succeeding their election, and from