

of white paper not exceeding five inches in width and of sufficient length to accommodate the names of the candidates, and said ballot shall be voted by the voter drawing a black line through the names not voted for. If at any election there be any question to be submitted to the voters, said question shall be placed upon the ballot in full followed by a line "For proposition" and a line "Against proposition" and the voter shall strike out with a black line whichever proposition he is against.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 179. 1880, ch. 105.

448. The commissioners of said town shall be judges of election, and every commissioner, before proceeding to hold an election shall make oath before a duly authorized officer of the law, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of judge of election, and permit every person to vote at such election who is qualified, and prevent any one from voting who is not qualified; and the judges shall, at the close of the polls, count the votes given to each candidate and publicly declare the result of said election, and cause the same to be entered in the town records; and the said judges shall also give to the commissioner elect a certificate in writing of his election, which certificate shall be recorded among the records of said town.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 180. 1880, ch. 105.

449. Every commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment, perform the duties of commissioner of the said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice, and a certificate of such qualification shall be returned by the justice to the commissioners, to be filed and recorded among their proceedings; the said commissioners shall meet at some public place in said town, as shall be previously determined upon, on the first Tuesday of every month after their respective election, and as much oftener by adjournment as they shall judge necessary; at their first meeting after election, they shall elect one of their number treasurer; and they shall appoint and qualify a clerk, who shall keep a record of their proceedings in a well-bound book, to be provided by them for that purpose, which shall be subject to the inspection of all persons interested; they shall also, at their first meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, appoint a bailiff for said town from the qualified voters of said town.*

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 21, sec. 181. 1880, ch. 105.

450. The commissioners shall remain in office until their successors are severally elected and qualified; and if the election should fail, or from any cause be prevented on the said first Monday in April, then it shall be the duty of the commissioners holding over, within three weeks after said failure of election, to order a new election and give ten days' notice thereof, which mode shall be continued until a legal election

*Ch. 585, 1927, amending secs. 449 and 454 of this Article was rejected by the voters of the town.