

not, in his judgment, be qualified to vote under the provisions of this sub-title of this article; and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

1878, ch. 90.

381. No person shall be eligible to the office of commissioner for the town of New Market who shall not possess the qualifications of a voter, as provided in section 378, and at the time of his election shall not have attained the age of twenty-four years.

Ibid.

382. Every person elected as commissioner for said town, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall make oath before some justice of the peace for said county, that he will diligently and faithfully, without favor, partiality or prejudice, perform the duties of a commissioner for said town; and a certificate of such qualification from such justice of the peace shall be filed and recorded among the proceedings of said commissioners; provided, if any person who shall be elected as commissioner for said town shall fail to qualify, as herein directed, within fifteen days after his election, the office to which he was elected shall be deemed vacant.

Ibid.

383. The said commissioners, after being duly qualified, shall annually choose some one of their number president, to serve for one year or until his successor is elected, whose duty it shall be to preside at all their meetings, preserve order, and give such directions as may be deemed necessary by the commissioners to carry into effect the provisions of this sub-title of this article; and in case of the absence of said president at any of their meetings, they may elect a president *pro tem.* from their number, who shall have and exercise all the powers and duties of such president during his absence; the said president, in virtue of his office, shall have and exercise, within the limits of said town, all the jurisdiction and power of a justice of the peace, except as to the recovery of small debts; he shall see that the ordinances are faithfully executed, and may call special meetings of the commissioners whenever he may think proper.