

poses to engage in said business ; that he is fitted by training and experience to conduct the same, and that he is not about engaging therein with a view to evade the provisions of this sub-title of this article ; which said petition to the said judge shall be accompanied by a certificate, filed therewith, of twenty-four freeholders of said district, that they are well acquainted with said petitioner, and that they know him to be well fitted by training and experience to conduct such business, and that from their knowledge of his character they are satisfied that he will not abuse his license, if granted, to evade the provisions of this sub-title of this article ; and upon such petition and certificate being filed, the said clerk shall give ten days' notice by two insertions in some newspaper published in said county, of such petition, the cost of which notice, together with all fees accrued under such petition, shall, before such publication, be paid by said petitioner, and if within said ten days no objection shall be filed to the issuing of such license, the said clerk shall at once issue the same, endorsed as aforesaid, upon the petitioner paying the usual license charges therefor ; but if within the said ten days any objection is filed, either to the fitness of such petitioner by experience and training, to conduct such business, or to his character as a man fit to be trusted to conduct the same, the clerk shall forthwith lodge all the papers in said case with the judge to whom the petition is directed, or with some other judge of the circuit, if he, the judge addressed, from any cause cannot act, who shall appoint an early day for the hearing of the case, and shall direct the clerk to issue *subpoenas* for such witnesses as either petitioner or objector may desire, and shall hear and determine the case as to him shall seem right, and shall award to the successful party such costs in the case as may have arisen since the publication of the notice as aforesaid ; and the clerk shall issue or withhold license according to the order of the judge ; every petition filed under this section shall be verified by the oath of the petitioner taken before said clerk, and certified by him on said petition or on a paper annexed thereto ; and any false swearing as to any matters required herein to be set forth in any such petition shall be held to be perjury ; but such license issued and endorsed shall have no effect to restrain the person licensed in the sale of any goods, wares and merchandise which he could have heretofore sold under such a