

above twenty-one years of age, who shall have *bona fide* residence in said town six months next preceding the election at which they shall offer to vote, and all male citizens of this State over the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote for said mayor and council of said town, and be eligible to the position of mayor or council.

1888, ch. 295.

43. They shall, at least two weeks before the time herein fixed for the said corporation election of each and every year, give notice of the time and place of the election of mayor and council for said town, by printed notices put up at least in three of the most public places in said town, and at some meeting prior to the first Monday in May in each year, shall appoint three persons, citizens of said town, to act as judges of said election, who, before acting as such, shall qualify in same manner as judges of election for State and county officers in this State are required to qualify, before a justice of the peace, and shall open the polls at two o'clock, P. M. on the first Monday in May in each year, and close the same at six o'clock, P. M.; and the person voted for at the said election for mayor, being a citizen of the State of Maryland, who shall receive the largest number of votes, shall be mayor of said town, and the six citizens receiving the highest number of votes, respectively, shall be councilmen for said town for the ensuing year, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Ibid.

44. If at any election for mayor or council it shall appear by the certificates of the judges of said election, or a majority of them, that any two persons voted for as mayor or councilmen, have received the same number of votes, if there be one or more councilmen elected, he or they shall immediately qualify as councilmen, and shall proclaim a new election to fill the vacancy occasioned by the failure to elect, and shall give at least five days' notice of said election, which shall be held in the same manner as the regular elections are held.

Ibid.

45. In case of death, refusal to act, resignation or disqualification of any of the council, the remaining councilmen shall direct an