

*bona fide* resided in said town for the space of six months, and twelve months in the State next preceding the election, shall elect by ballot on the last Monday in February in each year, at such house as shall be designated by the president and commissioners, by a notice to be put up in at least five of the most public places in said town, at least one week before the day of election, seven judicious and discreet persons, citizens of the United States, who shall have resided within the limits of said town for at least twelve months preceding the election, as commissioners of said town; the persons thus elected as commissioners shall, within one month after their election, qualify by taking the oath prescribed by the sixth section of the first article of the constitution of Maryland, before a justice of the peace in and for Cecil county; and at their first meeting, which shall be within one month after the election, they shall choose from their own body a president, who shall preside at all meetings of the commissioners, and vote on all questions before them.

1874, ch. 216.

**249.** All such elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the by-laws of the corporation, not inconsistent with the provisions of this sub-title of this article.

Ibid.

**250.** If any of said commissioners, after they are elected, shall refuse to qualify, or shall, after they have qualified, die, resign, remove from said town, or be otherwise disqualified, an election to fill said vacancy shall be held after two weeks' previous public notice, to be put up as aforesaid by said president and commissioners, by hand-bills, written or printed, and posted at the post-office and at three other public places in said town; provided, that no election to fill vacancies shall be held so long as five of the commissioners who have been duly elected and qualified shall remain; and the said remaining commissioners, not less than five, shall have all the powers conferred upon said president and commissioners as fully to all intents and purposes as if the whole seven were in office, duly qualified.