or more of the newspapers printed in the town, for at least ten days next preceding the day of election; if said town commissioners shall fail or refuse to appoint said judges and designate said polling places as aforesaid, the clerk of the circuit court for Dorchester county shall appoint said judges and designate said polling places, and give notice of election as aforesaid, in which event, if there should not be sufficient time to give said ten days' notice before the day of election as aforesaid, such notice shall be posted in five conspicuous places in each of said wards, at least five days before the election.

<center>1882, ch. 216.</center>

52. Each of said persons so as aforesaid appointed judge of election, before he proceeds to act as such judge, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for the said county, or one of the commissioners of the town, that he will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office; and any judge failing to qualify and act shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars; and upon failure of any judge to attend, the remaining judge or judges shall hold the election; and if none of the said judges attend, the citizens of the ward present shall select three judges.

<center>Ibid.</center>

53. The said judges of election for each of said wards, on the day of election, and immediately after the polls are closed, shall count the ballots in their respective wards, and certify the result under oath, to be administered as in the preceding section, to the said town commissioners, together with the ballots cast; and the persons receiving the highest number of votes in each of said wards, respectively, shall be declared elected commissioners for said wards; and the said certificates shall be recorded and the ballots preserved for at least two years.

<center>Ibid.</center>

54. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of commissioner, by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the mayor shall cause a new election to be held in the ward from which said vacancy occurs, to supply the same during the remainder of the term, and