

Divided into
classes.

commissioners shall be divided by lot into three classes; the term of office of the commissioner of the first class shall be one year, of the commissioner of the second class two years, and of the commissioner of the third class three years from said first election, so that thereafter one commissioner may be elected every year for a term of three years, and annually thereafter, on the first Monday in April in each and every year, between the hours of two and five o'clock P. M., the citizens qualified to vote as aforesaid, shall elect one commissioner, qualified as aforesaid, to serve for three years.

Not to effect
tenure

135. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to effect the tenure of office of the commissioners of said town in office at the time of the passage of this act, and who were elected on the first Monday of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, but said commissioners shall continue in office until the expiration of the time for which they were elected, and shall continue to exercise the powers and perform the duties now and hereafter vested in them by law, until the expiration of the time for which they were elected.

Oath to act
impartially.

136. The commissioners of said town, or a majority of them, shall be judges of election, and every commissioner, before he shall proceed to hold such an election, shall make oath before a duly authorized officer of the law, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of judge of election who is qualified, and prevent any one from voting who is not qualified, and the judges shall, at the close of the polls, count the votes given to each candidate and publicly declare the result of said election, and cause the same to be entered in the town records, and the said judges shall also give to the commissioners elect certificates in writing of their election, which certificate shall be recorded among the records of said town.

Certificate to
be filed and
recorded.

137. Every commissioner, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath before some justice of the peace, that he will diligently and faithfully, according to the best of his judgment,