

Wards. elected two persons from each ward as councilmen to serve for two years, and in even numbered years there shall be elected one person from each ward as councilmen to serve two years; the said town of Laurel shall be divided into three wards as follows: ward number one shall embrace all of said town lying westerly of a line drawn from the southerly limits of the town at a point where the westerly line of Church street intersects said limits running northerly along the westerly line of Church street to Main street, and thence in a straight line by the same course to the Patuxent river; ward number two shall embrace all of said town between the above mentioned line and a line drawn from a point in the southerly limits of said town where the westerly line of Fourth street intersects it, northerly to Main street along said line of Fourth street; thence to the westerly side of Race street, and thence to the Patuxent river by the course of the westerly line of Race street; ward number three shall embrace all the residue of said town lying easterly of the last above mentioned lines.

Election. SEC. 194. The first election hereunder shall be held at such places as the present commissioners of Laurel may designate, after at least ten days' public notice of the same given by them, and three judges and two clerks thereof shall be designated and appointed by them in each of said wards ten days prior thereto; and at said first election and the elections thereafter, which shall be held upon notice and under the authority of the mayor and city council, the polls shall be kept open at such places in each ward as shall be designated as to the first election by the present commissioners of Laurel, and thereafter by the mayor and city council, from two o'clock, p. m., to seven o'clock, p. m., when they shall be closed and the ballots publicly counted, and the said judges shall within two days after said election, make a true and correct return of the same under their hands to be addressed and transmitted, as to the first election, to the president of the commissioners and thereafter to the mayor, who shall convene the commissioners, or mayor and city council, as the case may be, on the second day after the election to receive the returns of the same.

Returns. SEC. 195. At such meeting of the commissioners or of the mayor and city council, as the case may be, the returns shall be opened by the presiding officer, and certificates of election shall forthwith be issued by the clerk to the person appearing to be elected as mayor, and to each person appearing to be elected as councilmen by having received the highest number of votes, and said certificates shall be recorded among the proceedings.

Tie vote. SEC. 196. If at any election it shall appear from the returns of the judges of election that any two or more persons voted for as mayor or city councilman have received the same number of votes,