

the license asked for; ninth, that the applicants have not nor has any of them had a license for the sale of intoxicating or spirituous or fermented liquors in this State revoked, nor have they or any of them been convicted of any crime within two years preceding the filing of said petition, and which said application shall be verified by the affidavit of the applicant, made before the clerk of the court to whom the application is made, and if any false statement is made in any part of said application the applicant or applicants shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and upon indictment and conviction shall be punished accordingly, and any license issued upon such application shall be suppressed.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That there shall be annexed to said application a certificate signed by at least ten reputable tax-payers, *bona fide* residents of the neighborhood in which the applicant proposes to conduct the business under the license applied for, in which the persons certifying shall each state his residence or place of business; that he is over thirty-one years of age; how long he has known the applicant; that he believes the statement contained in the application to be true; that from his knowledge of the applicant or applicants, and his acquaintance with him or them, he believes the applicant or applicants is or are a proper person or persons to have the privilege of selling spirituous or fermented liquors, and he accordingly recommends the issuing of the license applied for.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That upon the filing of such application and certificate the applicant shall pay to the clerk with whom the same are filed the sum of two dollars, to be applied to paying the expense of advertising as hereinafter provided for, and thereupon such clerk shall, upon the first day of April, if such license is for twelve months; on the first day of July, if such license is for nine months; on the first day of October, if such license is for six months, or on the first day of January, if such license is for three months, publish a notice in some newspaper published in the said county for two successive weeks, giving notice that the applicant or applicants have filed such application, specifying the kind of license applied for and the place where the business is to be conducted, and stating that unless cause is shown in writing to the contrary on or before the fifteenth day of April, July, October or January next ensuing as the case may be, the license applied for will be issued, provided the applicant complies with the requirements of this law requisite thereto as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That if any person shall file in writing with such clerk any reason why the license applied for should not be granted, such clerk shall forthwith present the application and certificate and the objection to a judge of circuit court of the said county, and such judge shall proceed to hear and de-