

them received in a box by themselves, and upon the close of the polls, the said judges shall forthwith proceed to count the ballots so by them received and ascertain the result of said election, and they shall immediately thereafter notify the five persons receiving a plurality of the votes of their election as Commissioners for said town, and within five days thereafter the said judges of election shall make return in writing, under their hands and seals, of the result of said election, together with a certificate from the justice of the peace before whom they qualified that they did severally appear and qualify before him in the manner herein directed, to the clerk of the "Circuit Court" of said county to be by him preserved; and in case of a tie vote being cast for any two or more persons at such election whereby there should be a failure to elect five Commissioners, then said judges of said election shall within three weeks, proceed to hold a new election for such number of Commissioners as may be necessary to constitute, with those who shall have been elected, five in all; said election to be conducted at the same place and in the same manner as the election herein before provided for.

Notify the five persons

Shall make return.

Tie vote.

Hold a new election

Terms of office of Commissioners.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Commissioners so elected shall hold office as follows: one for the term of five years, one for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and the other for the term of one year from day of said election, or until their successor shall have been elected and qualified as hereinafter provided for; said terms to be determined among them by lot.

Day of election.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That on the first Thursday in May in each and every year after the said year eighteen hundred and seventy eight, one Commissioner for said town shall be elected by ballot to hold office for the term of five years, and the Commissioners for said town, or a majority of them, shall be the judges of all elections held under the provisions of this act, after the election of said five Commissioners hereinbefore provided for, and their

Proceedings shall be recorded.

proceedings as judges of said election shall be recorded under their direction; provided, that every Commissioner, before he proceeds to act as judge of elec-