

turn of the same, under their hands, to be addressed and transmitted to the president of the commissioners, who shall convene the said commissioners on the second day after the said election to receive the returns of the same. When to convene.

SEC. 31. *And be it enacted,* That the said president shall then open the said returns in the presence of the commissioners, and the said commissioners shall forthwith cause to be issued by their clerk certificates of election to the five persons appearing from the said returns to have received the highest number of votes, with the seal of the commissioners attached; and said certificates shall be recorded among the record of proceedings of the said commissioners. Open returns.

SEC. 32. *And be it enacted,* That if at any election for commissioners it shall appear from returns of the judges of said election that any two or more persons voted for as commissioners have received the same number of votes, so that there is no choice for the entire number required, but a vacancy in one or more seats, if there shall be as many as three duly elected and having qualified as commissioners, upon entering upon the duties of their office shall immediately proclaim a new election to supply the vacancy caused thereby. Failure to elect.

SEC. 33. *And be it enacted,* That if it shall not appear that three of the persons voted for have been duly elected, said commissioners shall forthwith proclaim a new election to supply the vacancies occasioned by the failure to elect. Proclaim new election.

SEC. 34. *And be it enacted,* That every judge of election, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take an oath that he will permit every qualified person to vote at the election now to be held, and none other; every clerk, before he enters any vote on the polls, shall take an oath that he will well and faithfully, without favor, affection or partiality, execute the office of the clerk of election now to be held; the several judges may administer the oath to each other, or take the same before a justice of the peace resident of said town, and the clerk may either be sworn by one of judges or before Shall take oath.
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