

many names as there are positions to be filled, from the remaining candidates polling in order, the largest numbers of votes in the first election. In this election the remaining positions shall be filled by declaring elected the several candidates polling the largest numbers of votes.

SEC. 24. VACANCIES IN THE COUNCIL. If a seat in the Council becomes vacant, the remaining Councilmen by a majority vote shall, as soon as possible, elect a person to fill the unexpired term.

SEC. 25. WATCHERS AND CHALLENGERS. Any three or more candidates may appoint in writing one person to represent them as both watcher and challenger at each voting place. Any persons so appointed shall have all the rights and privileges prescribed by the law of the State of Maryland for other watchers and challengers at any election in the County of Prince George's, and shall be permitted to stay in the voting places until the ballots have been sent from them to the central counting place and to accompany the ballot boxes to the central counting place. No candidate shall have the right to share in the appointment of more than one such watcher and challenger for each voting place or to have more than one such watcher accompany a group of ballot boxes being sent to the central counting place together.

SEC. 26. DIRECTOR OF THE COUNT. Before each general election the Council at a regular meeting shall designate some competent person to act as director of the count and to certify the results of the election. The Council shall also provide for such assistants as may be necessary. Such director and assistants shall take the same oath as judges and clerks of election are required to take by Section 20 of this charter, but neither the director of the count nor his assistants shall act as clerks or judges of the same election. The Council shall provide for the compensation to be received by the director of the count and his assistants.

SEC. 27. ASSEMBLING THE BALLOTS. As soon as the polls have closed, the judges at each voting place shall seal the ballot box used for the election of Councilmen without opening it and shall send it at once to the central counting place for the Town. They shall send with it a record of the number of ballots which have been voted in the voting place committed to their charge. The ballot boxes shall be assembled by precincts for counting at the central counting place in an order of precincts determined by the director of the count by lot. Lots shall be drawn at the central counting place at the time of the