

lieving the Clerk of the necessity of giving bond, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and additions, to read as follows:

162. The government of said town shall be vested in five Commissioners to be selected as hereinafter provided, who shall be taxpayers and qualified voters of the town at least twelve months next preceding their election. At the election to be held on the first Saturday in December, 1938, the three elected Commissioners receiving the highest number of votes for said office shall hold office for a term of four years, and the two elected Commissioners receiving the lowest number of votes for said office shall hold office for a term of two years, or until their successors are appointed or elected and qualified.

163. No one, except as hereinafter provided, shall be entitled to become a candidate for the office of Commissioner, unless he, or someone on his behalf, shall, at least thirty days prior to any election at which he intends to become a candidate, file with the Clerk to the Commissioners a written statement signed by the candidate and witnessed by at least one person, to the effect that he thereby becomes a candidate for office of Commissioner. Provided, however, that if no candidate or less than five candidates have filed prior to thirty days before election as aforesaid, then in such event the Commissioners shall and they are hereby required to extend the time limit for filing to some date prior to election that will, in their discretion, permit there being at least five candidates for the office of Commissioners. The citizens of Sharptown, who have resided within the corporate limits of said town for at least twelve months next preceding the election and who were qualified voters at the last preceding State or Congressional election, shall on the first Saturday in December, 1938, elect by ballot five persons to be Commissioners to hold office for the terms as hereinbefore set forth in this Act. On the first Saturday in December, 1940, there shall be elected two Commissioners to replace those whose terms will then have expired, and the two Commissioners then elected shall hold office for a term of four years. Beginning with the election, to be held on the first Saturday in December, 1940, elections shall be held every two years thereafter and the terms of all Commissioners elected shall be four years, or until their successors are appointed or elected and qualified. Said Commissioners before they enter upon the duties of their office shall make oath before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public of Wicomico County, State of Maryland, that they will diligently and faithfully without partiality, favor or prejudice, well and truly perform the duties of Commissioners of said town; and said Commis-