

however, more than one office of the Commissioners become vacant between the dates of the annual elections, there shall be sufficient persons elected at the next annual election, following the occurrence of such vacancies, to fill all of such vacancies, in addition to the person regularly elected for the three-year term; in which event the person receiving the highest number of votes at such election shall be elected for a term of three years, and the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term of the office made vacant which has the longest duration from the date of such election, and the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the term of the office of the Commissioner made vacant which has the next longest duration from the date of such election. And provided further, that the Commissioners of Ridgely shall at all times be three in number and that the member of the said Commissioners of Ridgely who has, during the term for which he has been last elected, served in such capacity the longest period of time, shall automatically become the President of the said Commissioners of Ridgely, and, provided further that if all of the said Commissioners have held office for the same length of time during the term for which they have been last elected, that the President of the Commissioners of Ridgely shall be elected by a majority vote of the said Commissioners. And provided further, that no persons shall be eligible to become a candidate for election as a Commissioner of Ridgely unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, and is a payer of taxes within the corporate limits of said town on property with an assessed value of at least \$500.00, subject to municipal taxation, and shall have resided at least two years, prior to the date of his election, within the said town, and be qualified to vote for Delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland.

SEC. 5. That the Commissioners of Ridgely shall cause a notice of each annual election for a Commissioner or Commissioners of Ridgely to be given by publication, of the time and place of such election, in some newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Caroline County, or posted in three conspicuous places in the town of Ridgely for at least seven days before any such election, and all inhabitants residing within the corporate limits of the said town, qualified to vote for Delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland, who have been residents of said town for at least one year immediately preceding such annual election for the Commissioners of Ridgely, shall be qualified to vote for the said Commissioners of Ridgely at the annual election held there-