

deem necessary, but in case of his absence from any meeting, the Council present shall elect one of their members to preside, who shall for the time being have all the authority of the Mayor.

Section 404. That annually on or before the first Monday in May, after notice printed in some County newspaper, the Mayor and Town Council shall appoint two judges and two clerks, to conduct an election by ballot on the first Monday of July if not a legal holiday, and if a legal holiday, then on the day following, for the election of officers provided for in Section 402. Such election officers shall themselves be eligible for registration as voters under the provisions of this act, and one judge and one clerk shall be appointed from each ward of the town. The judges appointed in each year shall be the registration officers for each year as hereinafter mentioned. The Mayor and Town Council shall appoint the place of election and shall give public notice of not less than fifteen days of the time and place of election by advertisement published in at least one newspaper published in Prince George's County and also by notice published in at least five public places in said town. The polls shall be opened between the hours of one and seven o'clock P. M., and no person not registered upon the books of registered voters of the town and who is not an actual resident of said town upon the day of election, shall be allowed to vote at such elections. The Mayor and Town Council shall prepare ballots containing the names of those persons who have complied with the provisions of this Act making them eligible to become a candidate for the office which they seek. The Mayor and Council shall receive all returns of election and determine all questions arising thereunder.

There shall be a general registration of voters of the said town in the year of 1933, and thereafter whenever directed, by the Mayor and Town Council, which shall be held on two days to be named by the Mayor and Town Council, the earlier of which shall be not more than forty days before the first Monday in July and the later of which shall not be less than thirty days before the first Monday in July. Notice of all registrations shall be given as in elections as aforesaid, which shall be of not less than fifteen days in advance of the first day fixed for such registration. In the years in which there shall be no general registration of voters, the Mayor and Town Council shall name similar registration days, as herein provided, for supplemental registration and revision, at which sittings duly qualified