

Judges of
first election.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the first election for town commissioners shall be held before Sylvester Smith, Thomas L. Day and Thomas W. Jones, who are hereby appointed judges for that purpose and for the time hereinafter named, and provided that in case that any of said judges hereinbefore named shall become disqualified to act, by sickness, death or otherwise, then the remaining judge or judges shall fill the vacancy by appointing suitable person or persons from within the limits of said town, who are duly qualified voters in accordance with this act; and further provided, that should all the judges hereinbefore named become disqualified to act, it shall be lawful for any three or more qualified voters in said town to give notice, either by written or printed hand-bills of an election to be held on a certain day, at least ten days from the date of publication or posting of such notice under this act; and a majority of voters present at the hour fixed by said notice for the commencement of said election, shall select three judges and proceed to hold said election for Town Commissioners as hereinafter provided.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the citizens of Ridgely, who have resided in said town for six months previous to the day of election, and who are qualified in other respects to vote for Delegates to the General Assembly, shall, on the fourth Monday of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, between the hours of two and five o'clock P. M., at such place as the aforesaid judges of said election shall appoint, elect, by ballot, five persons, residents and qualified voters of, and owners of real estate in said town, as Commissioners of Ridgely, to serve for one year therefrom, or till their successors are duly elected and qualified. And that such election shall be held on the fourth Monday of April-annually thereafter, between the hours of two and five o'clock P. M., at such place as the commissioners of said town shall appoint, elect, by ballot, five persons, residents and qualified voters of, and owners of real estate in said town, as Commissioners of Ridgely.

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SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be judges of said election, or they may appoint any three voters to act as judges, and the proceedings shall be recorded under their discretion; and every commissioner or person so appointed before he opens an election, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for Caroline county, that he will faithfully and impartially permit every person to vote at such election, who shall be qualified to vote for commissioners of said town, and that he will not suffer any person