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whether elected or appointed, duly took the prescribed oath of office according to law ; also all franchises and contracts in writing granted or entered into by the " Mayor and Council " to or with other parties, and all other papers and documents concerning the town and its affairs which the Council may require to be recorded therein. Extracts from any municipal record books, copies or any papers or documents recorded therein, and copies of any ordinances set out in the ordinance books shall, when pertinent and relevant, be admissible in evidence in any of the courts of the State or before any justice of the peace thereof, when verified by a certificate signed by the town clerk and authenticated by the corporate seal ; provided, that the clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, when the extracts or copies are to be used outside of said county, shall certify by his hand and the seal of said court that the person who verifies said contract or copy is the town clerk of Easton ; and provided, that no extract shall be made by the town clerk unless he embodies in the same all that the municipal records contain about the matter in question ; and provided further, that the said town clerk, if called on for a copy of any ordinance shall, with the copy of the ordinance asked, embrace any amendments that may have been made thereto, or if the same has been repealed, he shall state the fact in his certificate in the Circuit Court for Talbot county and before any justice of the peace of said county ; the record books themselves may be offered in evidence to prove any relevant or pertinent matter contained in the same. The town clerk shall be entitled to receive at the rate of ten cents for every hundred words embraced in any extract or copy made by him from the records, to be paid for by the party who shall ask the same ; provided, that the minimum fee therefor shall be fifty cents ; but no compensation shall be paid for extracts or copies for the use or benefit of the Mayor or Council ; and at hours appointed by the Council the record books shall be open for the inspection of any resident of Easton unless the same be actually in use by the Mayor or Council or town clerk.

Proviso.

Compensation.

Entitled to  
vote.

45. All elections shall be by ballot, and every male citizen of the age of twenty-one years or upwards who is a citizen of the United States and who has been a *bona fide* resident of the town for one year preceding the election and whose name shall appear upon the list of registered voters of the