

qualify on the first Monday in each year next succeeding their respective elections by taking the following oath, to be administered by some justice of the peace: I, ———, in the presence of Almighty God, do solemnly promise and swear (or affirm) that I will execute the office of commissioner of Barton (or clerk or bailiff, as the case may be), to the best of my ability, without fear, favor, partiality or prejudice; and at their annual meeting on said date the commissioners shall elect one of the said commissioners as president of the commissioners, who shall be the acting Mayor of the said town, who shall serve until the first Monday of May next succeeding his election, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the commissioners, execute ordinances passed by the said commissioners, and who shall be *ex officio* chairman of all committees of said commissioners, which said committees shall be appointed by the said president; they may meet as often as occasion may require and not less than once a month.

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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners of Barton shall appoint every year, at least ten days before the day of election, three judges to hold said election; they shall keep the polls open from 5 o'clock P. M. to 8 o'clock P. M., and shall conduct said election in the same manner in which elections were conducted prior to the Australian ballot, and the said judges shall make returns under their oaths, hands and seals to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Allegany County of the persons elected and the positions to which they have been elected.

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SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners or a majority of them shall define the duties of the clerk and the bailiff and allow them such compensation for their services as they may think proper; and all ordinances passed by the said commissioners or a majority of them shall be entered by the clerk in a book to be kept for the purpose and shall at all times be open for the inspection of any person or persons interested, and copies of all ordinances within thirty days after their passage shall be posted in at least three public places in said town, one of which shall be at the place of meeting of said commissioners, for official misconduct or neglect of duty of the bailiff or clerk during their respective terms of office; the said commissioners may remove the clerk or bailiff so offending and shall elect some

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