

**Election of commissioners.** said town; and from that time and upon the same day in every alternate year thereafter. And the qualification of the voters for commissioners, shall be the same as for burgess and assistant burgess. The said commissioners shall be twenty-five years of age, citizens of the United States, residents of Sharpsburg for five years next preceding the election, and shall take the oath of office as hereinafter prescribed for town officers. They shall receive an annual salary of five dollars each, and no other fee or compensation whatsoever; and in case of vacancy in the board of commissioners, by death or otherwise, the burgess and commissioners shall order an election to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term, and said election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions hereinafter enacted in reference to elections of town officers.

**Elections.** **Judges of election.** **Oath.** SEC. 9. The method of holding all elections in said town shall be as follows: It shall be the duty of the burgess to publish by hand-bills, posters or otherwise, put up in at least six public places in said town, at least ten days prior to the day of holding such election, giving notice thereof, which notice shall state the officers to be voted for or the objects and purposes of such election. He shall appoint, at least three days prior to the day of said election, three citizens, qualified voters of said town, to act as judges of election, one of said judges to be of a different political party from the other two; and before they shall proceed to act as said judges they shall take the following oath before a justice of the peace in Washington county: "We will fairly and impartially act as judges of election for commissioners of Sharpsburg (or burgess, assistant burgess and commissioners of Sharpsburg) on the — day of September, A. D. —, according to the best of our knowledge and understanding of law;" and a certificate that said oath has been administered shall be received by the judges and made to accompany the certificate of election returns as hereinafter provided. On failure of the judges, or either of them, so appointed, to appear, it shall be the duty of the burgess to issue a certificate to one or more persons, as the case may be, to act as such judge or judges, and shall qualify as hereinbefore provided; and in case of death, absence, inability or refusal of the burgess to issue such certificate, the duty of issuing the same shall devolve upon the assistant burgess, and in case of his death, absence, inability or refusal, the like duty shall devolve upon one of the commissioners chosen by a majority of that body; and upon failure of the burgess, assistant burgess or commissioners chosen, as hereinbefore stated, to