

perform the duties imposed by this section, he shall be subject to indictment in the Circuit Court for Washington county, and to a fine of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered upon conviction thereof. The said judges shall be conservators of the peace during the continuance of the election and until the ballots shall be counted, and the necessary certificates required by law shall be made out by the judges and clerks, and shall be vested with power and authority to commit offenders for any breach of the peace, in like manner now vested in justices of the peace, and shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations to any person touching his qualification as a voter. The said judges shall appoint one or more clerks of election from the qualified voters of said town, and in case of more than one clerk, one of whom shall be of a different political party from the other, and before acting he or they shall take this oath, to be administered by one of the judges: "We will well and faithfully keep a true record of all the voters whose ballots are received for burgess, assistant burgess of Sharpsburg (or for commissioners of Sharpsburg) at the election to be held on the — day of September, A. D. —, according to the best of our ability." A box shall be kept in which all the ballots received shall be deposited by the judges and the names of all the voters shall be written down on lists by the clerks. The polls shall be kept open from nine o'clock A. M. till four o'clock P. M.

SEC. 10. At the close of the polls the judges of election shall immediately count the ballots, cast up the vote, and return, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington county, the number of votes cast for each candidate, and return the persons receiving the highest number of votes as duly elected, and they shall return at the same time the ballots that were cast for the candidates, and all records of said election; and the said clerk shall file the same and immediately notify the person or persons chosen of their election, in accordance with the returns of the judges. The burgess and commissioners shall convene at least once a month during the year, and as much oftener as may be required.

SEC. 11. At their first regular meeting after each *bi-annual* election, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, the burgess, with the advice and consent of the commissioners, shall appoint one person for clerk or secretary, one person as collector of taxes, and such other officers as may be provided for the conduct and regulation of the municipal affairs; and in case of