

residing in Somerset county and owning a freehold estate or leasehold property for a term exceeding two years, within the limits of said town, shall elect by ballot on the first Wednesday in June, in each and every year, commissioners in the place of the commissioners whose term of office then expire.

Election of
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sioners.

57. Said commissioners shall annually appoint one person as officer of registration, whose duty shall be to enter in proper and convenient books, to be provided by said commissioners, the names of all persons applying for registration, whom he is satisfied is entitled to vote; and said officer of registration is hereby empowered to administer oaths to applicants and witnesses touching qualification for town registration; said officer of registration shall sit, with his official books, from one o'clock P. M. to five o'clock P. M., on the Wednesday and Thursday preceding every municipal election; right of challenge and appeal for removal from lists of improperly registered person or persons refused registration, who feel themselves aggrieved by the decision of the registrar, shall lie to the board of commissioners, who shall meet between the hours of two and five P. M., the Friday before elections, to hear such appeals and evidence, if any, and their decisions shall be final; but every applicant or challenger must be duly informed by a bailiff of such appeal.

Officer of reg-
istration.

57 A. The registration list now used and made under existing law or ordinance shall, together with such additions, omissions and alterations as may become necessary, constitute such registration list; and such registration shall be essential to the right of voting at any election held under this charter; the commissioners or registrar shall give at least five days' notice of the time and place of his sittings by hand-bills posted in at least ten conspicuous places in said town, or by advertisement in one or more town newspapers; said registrar, as soon as his sittings are finished, shall forthwith return all books and other official papers and documents to the clerk of the town commissioners.

Registration
list.

57 B. Any person who shall wilfully swear falsely before such registrar in order to procure his name to be placed on the registration list, shall be guilty of the crime of perjury, and shall be liable to presentment and indictment in the Circuit Court for Somerset County, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars or be confined in the penitentiary of the State for not exceeding one year, and shall forever thereafter be disqualified from holding any office of

False swear-
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