

SEC. 47. The method of holding all elections in said town shall be as follows: It shall be the duty of the commissioners of said town to publish in three newspapers published in said town, at least ten days prior to the day of holding any such elections, notice thereof, which notice shall state the office to be voted for, or the objects and purposes of such election. The said commissioners shall appoint three citizens, qualified voters of such town, to act as judges of elections, one of said judges to be of a different political party from the other two, whose compensation shall not exceed two dollars each. The persons so appointed to act as judges, before proceeding to act shall take the following oath before the clerk of the Circuit Court of Talbot county or one of his sworn deputies: "We will fairly and impartially act as judges of election (for whatever object or purpose the election may be held) on the day named in said notice, according to the best of our knowledge and understanding of law." The said judge shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations to any person touching his qualification as a voter. The said judges shall appoint two citizens, qualified voters of said town, to act as clerks of election, one of whom shall be of a different political party from the other, whose compensation shall not exceed two dollars each; before proceeding to act they shall take this oath, to be administered by one of the judges of election: "We will and faithfully keep a true record of all the voters whose ballots are received (for whatever purpose or object the election may be held) at the election to be held on the day named in said notice of election, to the best of our ability." The polls shall be kept open from two o'clock P. M. to six o'clock P. M.

Notice of election.

Judges of election.

Oath.

Clerks of election.

Oath.

47 A. At the close of the polls, the judges shall immediately count the ballots, cast up the vote, and return under their hands and seals to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, the number of votes cast, and return the candidates, or the question submitted, receiving the highest number of votes as duly elected or carried, and they shall return, at the same time, the ballots that were cast, and all record of said election; and said clerk, upon receipt thereof, shall file the same, together with the certificate of the oath taken before him by the judges; and shall immediately notify the persons so chosen of their election, in accordance with the return of judges.

Returns of election.

SEC. 48. If any vacancy shall occur in the office of commissioners, the remaining commissioners shall order an election to fill such vacancy during the remainder of the term.

Vacancies.