

freeholders, who have been such for the period of one year prior to the time of so signing, and resident within the corporate limits of the town in which said applicant desires to sell spirituous or fermented liquors; and in case the said applicant shall desire to sell said liquors without the corporate limits of any town, then the said freeholders shall be residents in the election district in which and within three miles of the place of business at which said applicant desires so to sell, and the said petition shall certify that the said applicant is a proper person to be licensed, and pray that license may be granted to such an applicant; and said person applying for license shall also file with the said clerk a bond duly executed to the State of Maryland, with at least two sureties approved by the said clerk in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the payment of any or all fines, penalties and costs to which the person obtaining such license may become liable for by reason of the violation of any of the provisions of this act; and provided that each surety on said bond shall make affidavit before said clerk, or before a justice of the peace of said county, that said surety is the owner in fee simple of real estate in Harford county of the assessed value over and above all incumbrances of at least one thousand dollars, and that said surety has not within the current year executed a bond for any other applicant to sell spirituous or fermented liquors in Harford county. Proviso.

SEC. 150. The said clerk of the circuit court may in his discretion require such further and other proof, by the written affidavit of other parties to be filed in his office, as to the sufficiency of said bond as he may deem proper; and if said clerk shall wilfully or negligently grant a license to any person who shall not have complied with the provisions of this act, said clerk shall, upon indictment and conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars for each offense. Discretionary power.

SEC. 151. No license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors in Harford county shall be granted to any applicant therefor until such per-