

aforesaid, upon receipting by such officer to the clerk aforesaid for the same.

54. The Mayor shall, before the first day of March previous to such election for Mayor and members of the City Council of Ellicott City, appoint one proper and competent person and a resident voter of said city, judge of election, who shall hold his said office for the period of two years from said appointment, and each bona fide candidate for Mayor shall appoint one judge of election, and said judges shall have the power to appoint one or more clerks, if necessary, who shall keep a record of the persons voting and the persons voted for, and said judges of election, immediately upon the closing of the polls for Mayor and members of the City Council of Ellicott City, shall proceed to count the ballots cast and ascertain the result of said election, and the person receiving the greatest number of votes cast for Mayor shall be declared Mayor of Ellicott City, and the six persons receiving the greatest number of votes cast for members of the City Council shall be declared elected members of the City Council of Ellicott City.

55. The election for Mayor and six members of the City Council shall be held at such place in said city as may be designated by the said Mayor on the handbills as hereinbefore specified, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of April, 1909, and every second year thereafter, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 6 o'clock in the evening; such designation by said Mayor shall be by handbills posted in at least five public places within the corporate limits of Ellicott City, as now existing, at least two weeks before said election.

56. Said judges of election shall take and subscribe to the oaths of office within thirty days after their respective appointments as aforesaid, before any justice of the peace for Howard county, which justice shall receive as compensation for taking said oath the amount now allowed by law for the taking of oaths before justices of the peace. In case of any vacancy or vacancies among the judges of election mentioned as aforesaid, by death or otherwise, after said first day of March, in such year as aforesaid mentioned, said vacancy or vacancies shall at any time thereafter be filled by appointment by the Mayor.

56A. The clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county shall deliver to the judges of election on the morning of the day of said election, said book of registration, to be used at the polls of election upon receipting for the same by said clerk.

56B. The duties of judges of election as heretofore named shall be the same as the duties of corresponding officers of elec-