

amended by the Acts of 1902, Chapter 476, and as further amended by the Acts of 1914, Chapter 796, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

353. The male citizens of Middletown at the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall have resided within the taxable limits of said town for twelve months next preceding the election, shall elect by ballot on the first Monday of April annually a Burgess and five Commissioners who shall have resided within the said town for twelve months next preceding the election; the said Burgess shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and each of the said five Commissioners the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as compensation for their respective services, to be paid annually out of the funds of said Municipal Corporation. The Burgess of said town shall, at least two weeks before the date of said election in each year, issue a call for a Nominating Convention, to be composed of the male residents of said town who may attend the same and who shall be entitled to vote at the coming election, said Nominating Convention to be held at some public place in said town to be designated by the Burgess, and notice of which shall be published in the Valley Register, or some other newspaper published in said town at least four days prior to the time of the holding of said Convention, giving the time and place thereof, which said convention shall be held, not later than one week prior to the date of the election. Said Convention shall nominate not less than one nor more than two candidates for Burgess, and not less than five nor more than ten candidates for Commissioners, to be voted upon at said election. It shall be the duty of the Register of said town to have prepared for said election a ballot to be voted thereat, containing the names of the persons so nominated. Every aspirant for the office of Burgess and every aspirant for the Office of Commissioner in said town who shall not have been nominated at said Convention, may file with the Register, not later than four days before the election, nominating papers for the office or offices for which they may be aspirants, in writing, signed by at least forty of the qualified voters of said town, and no signature shall be counted if it shall appear upon the nomination papers of more than one candidate for the office of Burgess and more than five candidates for the office of Commissioner. The nomination papers of such person or persons so filed as aforesaid shall also be placed on said ballot, and the ballot shall be prepared and printed under the direction and supervision of the Register of said town, and be supplied at