first, 1868, were entitled to vote in the State of Marvland, or would have been entitled to vote in the State of Maryland at that time had they been residents thereof at a State election. And the lawful male descendants of any person who prior to January the first, A. D. 1868, were entitled to vote in the State of Marvland, or would have been entitled to vote in the State of Maryland at that time had they been residents thereof, shall annually on the first Monday in May elect five persons who have paid town or county taxes for at least one year prior to said election, and who shall have resided in said town for one year next preceding said election, as the town commissioners of La Plata to serve for one year from the first day of June next succeeding their election, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and no person not coming within one of the three enumerated classes shall be registered as a legal voter of the town of a La Plata or qualified to vote at any town election held in said town.

The town commissioners shall annually on or before the first Monday in April give notice by handbills posted in conspicuous places in said town of La Plata or by publication in some newpaper or newspapers published in said town or by both handbills posted as aforesaid and by publication as aforesaid of the election to be held for town commissioners of La Plata in that year, naming the house or place to be selected by them at which said election shall be held, and the hours the polls shall be opened and closed respectively, and they shall, at least ten days before such election, appoint three persons as judges, who shall conduct the election; the polls shall be opened at 2 o'clock P. M., and closed at six o'clock P. M.; if any of such judges of election shall refuse or decline or be unable to act as such the town commissioners shall fill the vacancy. Should any of such judges fail to appear at the time and place for opening the polls and holding the election the remaining judge or judges shall fill the vacancy; the said judges shall serve without pay, and shall promptly make their returns and without unreasonable delay to the town commissioners certifying and declaring what persons have been elected town commissioners of La Plata at said election, and the town commissioners to whom such returns are made shall determine all questions arising upon said returns, and shall cause the said certificate and declaration of the said judges of election to be recorded among the records of the corporation. The first election held under this Act shall be held on the first Monday in May, in the year 1910. The voting at all elections held under the provisions of this Act shall be by ballot, on which shall be written the names of five persons and no more, possessing the qualifications for town commissioners of La Plata, as pre-