

for the preservation of the ballots for a period of four months. If notice of such election shall not be given as hereinbefore required, or if the Judges of Election shall not be appointed or shall refuse to act five or more voters of said town may call the election of said officers by notices set up in at least four of the most public places in said town, not less than one week previous to said election, therein naming the time and place to hold such election and naming three Judges thereof, who, or any two of whom may hold such election and have the same powers in respect thereto as the Judges appointed by the Commissioners.

SEC. 172. *And be it further enacted,* That if at any election for Commissioners there shall be a tie vote between any Candidates for the same office, a new election shall be held or if any person elected to the office of Commissioner shall refuse to act, die, resign, be disqualified or remove beyond the Corporate limits of said town, the remaining Commissioners shall elect a successor to serve until the next election, at which said time a Commissioner shall be elected to fill the unexpired term caused by said vacancy. Said Commissioner elected as aforesaid shall qualify as the other member.

SEC. 173. *And be it further enacted,* That all officers of said town, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices shall make oath before a Justice of the Peace for Caroline County or any Notary Public, that they will perform the duties of their respective offices without favor, partiality or prejudice; and a certificate of such qualification shall be delivered by said Justice of the Peace or Notary Public to the Commissioners; to be filed and recorded among their proceedings, and a failure to take such oath and to qualify on or before the second Monday in May, after their election shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the party failing to qualify as aforesaid to accept the office to which he has been elected or appointed.

SEC. 174. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Commissioners shall at their first meeting after their election or at such other time as they shall deem proper elect a President of their Board and appoint a Secretary and Treasurer, who may be the same person, and they may appoint one or more assessors of taxes, bailiff or bailiffs not exceeding three who within the limits of said town and beyond them within one-half mile thereof, shall have all the police powers of Constables of the State of Maryland and it shall be their duty to enforce the by-laws and