

zens who prior to January first, 1868, were entitled to vote in the State of Maryland or any other State of the United States at a State election, and the lawful male descendants of any person who prior to January first, 1868, was entitled to vote in this State or in any other State of the United States at a State election and no person not coming within one of the three enumerated classes shall be registered as a legal voter and entitled to vote at any municipal election held in said town of Mount Ranier, Maryland. The legal voters of said town shall elect on the first Monday in May, 1910, at such place as shall be selected for the holding of elections one person, a legal voter of said town, who has resided therein for two years, at least, next preceding the election to be Mayor of said town, and four persons who possess the same qualification, one from each ward, who shall be voted for only by the voters residing in the ward he is to represent, to be common Councilman of said town, and thereafter annually, on the first Monday in May, such citizens, with the above qualifications, shall elect one person having the qualifications above described to be Mayor, provided, that two of the said Councilmen shall at the first election held under the provisions of this Section, be elected to serve one year and two to serve two years, terms of office to be decided by casting of lots and thereafter two Councilmen to be elected each year who shall serve two years. If any vacancy occurs in the office of Councilmen, the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the remaining members of said Council, shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy during the balance of the unexpired term. In case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor a special election shall be ordered by the Common Council to be held within thirty days after publication of such order, for the purpose of electing a person to fill such vacancy. No person shall be eligible as Mayor or Councilman of said town unless he be the owner of real estate in said town, in his own name, to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500), and shall so remain during his term of office, and his term of office shall terminate upon his removal of residence from the town limits. Neither the Mayor nor any of the Councilmen shall, during their term of office, hold or be interested in any other office under the corporation, or be a party, directly or indirectly, in any contract to which the corporation is a party; the town Clerk shall appoint, in a period of not less than thirty, and not more than forty days, before the general town election, three days of Registration, on which days duly qualified voters shall register their names, addresses, and occupation, at such time and place as the town Clerk may prescribe; provided, that on at