

such part interest must be of the value according to such assessment of at least three hundred dollars, and he or she must be at least twenty-five years of age; and the term of office of Mayor shall be two years, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified; and the term of office of Councilmen shall be three years, or until their respective successors shall be elected or appointed and qualified and the present Mayor and all the present Councilmen of Pocomoke City shall each continue in office and serve out in full the respective term for which they were elected under the previous charter of the town and until their successors and the successor of each of them shall be duly elected or appointed and qualified under the provisions of this Act.

256. The male and female citizens of Pocomoke City above the age of twenty-one years, being citizens of the United States, who have resided within the corporate limits of said town six months next preceding the election and who were qualified voters at the last State or Congressional election, shall on the first Tuesday in April, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, and on the same day every second year thereafter, elect by ballot one person to be Mayor of said town and also on the first Tuesday in April, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, elect by ballot one person to be Councilman of said town and on the same day in every year thereafter the said qualified citizens of Pocomoke City shall elect by ballot one person to be Councilman to succeed the Councilman whose term of office is then about to expire. Provided that nothing in this Act shall in any way affect the term of office of the present Mayor and the present members of the Council.

256-A. Official ballots shall be prepared and printed for such town elections by the Mayor and Council and they shall cause to be printed on said official ballots the names of all candidates for office to be voted for, who shall become duly qualified by the payment of the sum of five dollars to and the filing of a certificate in writing with, the town clerk of Pocomoke City, containing the name of the person seeking office, his or her address and the office for which he or she seeks to be elected and duly acknowledged by the person filing such certificate before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments, who shall append a certificate of such acknowledgment. All certificates must be filed and payments made by candidates as aforesaid not less than twenty days before said town election.