

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons of said town who have owned property in said town for six months or who have been purchasing property in said town for six months under contract of sale, and their husbands or wives shall be qualified to vote for candidates for the elective offices of the said town, and the judges of election shall pass upon the qualifications and right of any person to vote in any election. The judges of election shall keep a list of the names of all persons who vote at any election and the names of any person who, by them, has been refused the privilege of voting, which list shall be turned over to the town commissioners within five days after the election to which it relates.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the election for town officers, except as hereinafter provided for the referendum, shall be held on the second Saturday in August bi-annually after the passage of this Act at a place to be designated by the commissioners, at which election the polls shall remain open from two o'clock P. M. until nine o'clock P. M. The election shall be conducted by three judges of election, and one clerk, to be appointed by the commissioners of the said town. At least ten days before any election the said commissioners shall insert a notice thereof for two consecutive days in a Negro newspaper published in the District of Columbia, and shall cause to be posted in five conspicuous places in said town notice of said election, designating the place of voting, the hours the polls are open and the names of the judges and clerk. In the event that any judge or clerk after appointment is unable or declines to serve, the remaining judges shall name someone to take his place. Suitable ballot boxes polling places and printed ballots shall be provided by the commissioners. Any person desiring to become a candidate for any elective office shall at least twenty days before election, file or cause to be filed, with the commissioners, or clerk thereof, a petition stating that he or she is a candidate for the office, which petition must be filed by such person and indorsed by at least fifteen persons intitled to vote in the next town election. Upon the filing of said petition the commissioners shall print such person's name upon the ballot with a square opposite each, the names on the ballot, there shall appear a statement instructing the voter as to how many persons to vote for. Immediately upon the closing of the polls the ballots shall be publicly counted, and the said judges, two days thereafter, shall make a truthful and correct return to the chairman of the said commissioners, and within ten days thereafter the said commissioners shall meet and declare those qualified persons receiving the highest number of votes duly elected. In case two or more persons shall have received the same number of votes so that there is no choice for the office, a new election shall be