

election by asking each applicant, who presents himself to vote, three questions under oath; First, "Have you dwelt within the town of Riverdale Heights for a period of not less than one year next preceding this election?" Second, "Are you twenty-one years of age or over?" Third, "Are you either the owner of real property within the limits of Riverdale Heights, the purchaser of real property under contract within said limits or a member of the immediate family of such an owner or purchaser?" And should the answers of the applicant be in the affirmative to all of said questions, then it shall be the duty of said Board of Election Supervisors to allow such applicant to cast his ballot, and should the answer of said applicant be in the negative to one or more of said questions, then and in that event he shall not be allowed to vote. Should the applicant answer one or more of the above questions falsely he shall be guilty of the crime of perjury and subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the State of Maryland.

Immediately upon the closing of the polls, the judges of the election shall proceed to count the ballots but no ballot cast by a voter dwelling in one ward for a candidate for the office of Councilman of another ward, and no ballot cast for more than one candidate for the office of Mayor, shall be counted. The counting of the ballots shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed, and the returns shall be announced publicly and written returns fully completed and signed by the judges and clerks of election, and sealed in an envelope with the names of said judges and clerks signed thereon, shall be sent, one copy to the Mayor of said town and one copy to the Town Clerk and Treasurer, for file among the records of the town. Any judge or clerk who declines to sign said returns shall prepare, sign, and seal in an envelope, and send as aforesaid, an individual return, giving his reason therefor. The ballots shall then be returned to the ballot boxes from which they were removed, a paper seal with the signatures of the judges and clerks thereon shall be pasted upon said ballot boxes in such manner that the boxes cannot be opened without breaking said seal and said boxes, sealed as aforesaid, shall then be retained by the Supervisors of Election for a period of thirty days after which period of time the boxes may be opened and the ballots destroyed. Provided, however, that if there be a contest of the election, said ballots shall not be destroyed until after the decision of the Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County.