

386. The election for town officers 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 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 some one 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 entitled 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 name and 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 immediately proclaimed by the said commissioners from among such candidates, which election shall be held on five days' notice and in all respects as aforesaid except as to the day of election and the convening of the commissioners.

395. The commissioners may pass such ordinances, not inconsistent with law, as may be for the best interests of the town, and necessary for the preservation of health, safety and morals of the said town, and may provide in such ordinances