

tion administered by the Town Clerk shall be as binding and effective in all proceedings, criminal or civil, as if administered by a notary public or other officer qualified under the laws of the State of Maryland to administer oaths or affirmations. All applications for registration in the Town Register shall be preserved as permanent records of the town in the custody of the Commissioners. Registration in the Town Register shall not preclude any judge of election from challenging the right of the registrant to vote in an election of town officers on the ground of falsity of any of the statements contained in the application for registration, or on the ground of the registrant having become ineligible to vote since filing his application for registration in the Town Register, and any judge of election, with the concurrence of one other judge of election, may require the registrant whose qualifications are challenged, as a condition precedent to his voting in the election, to make a declaration under oath or affirmation in respect of any or all matters bearing on the registrant's eligibility under Section 25 of this sub-title to vote in the instant election of town officers. The judges of election are hereby authorized to administer the oath or affirmation hereinbefore provided for and an oath or affirmation so administered shall be as binding and effective in any and all proceedings, criminal or civil, as if administered by a notary public or other officer qualified under the laws of the State of Maryland to administer oaths or affirmations.

26. (a) Election for town officers, except as hereinafter provided for the referendum and the first election held hereunder, shall be held on the first Tuesday in May at a place or places to be designated by the commissioners, at which election the polls shall remain open from two o'clock until eight P. M.

The election shall be conducted by three judges of election and two clerks be appointed by the commissioners of said town. At least fifteen days before any election the said commissioners shall cause to be posted in three public places in said town the notice of said election, designating the place or places of voting, the hours the polls are open and the names of the judges and clerks. 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 said commissioners. Any person desiring to become a candidate for any elective office shall, at least ten days before election, file, or cause to be filed with the commissioners, the chairman or clerk thereof, a petition stating that he or she is a candidate for the office, which petition must be signed by such person and endorsed by at least three persons entitled