

528. The citizens of Middletown of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, being citizens of the United States, who have resided within the taxable limits of said town for a period of twelve months preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote, providing they have registered as hereinafter provided, at any election for Burgess and Commissioners, or any other municipal election in said town.

The Burgess of said town shall, at least two weeks before the time of election, in each election year, issue a call for a nominating convention, to be composed of the residents of said town who may attend the same, and who shall be entitled to vote in the coming election, said nomination convention to be held at some public place in said town, to be designated by the Burgess, and notice of which shall be published in the Valley Register or some other newspaper published in said town, at least four days prior to the time of the holding of said convention, giving the time and place thereof, which said convention shall be held not later than one week prior to the date of election. Said convention shall nominate not less than one nor more than two candidates for Burgess, and not less than five nor more than ten candidates for Commissioners in the year of 1940, and on each second year thereafter, to hold office for a term of two years, which said nominees shall be voted upon at the elections in each election year, beginning with the year of 1940. Each aspirant for the office of Burgess, and each aspirant for the office of Commissioner in said town who shall not have been nominated by said convention may file with the Register not later than four days before the election, excluding Sunday, nominating papers for the office or offices for which they may be aspiring, in writing, signed by at least forty of the qualified voters of said town, and no signature shall be counted if it shall appear upon the nomination papers of more than one candidate for the office of Burgess, and more than five candidates for Commissioner. It shall be the duty of the Register of said town to have prepared for said election a ballot to be voted thereat, containing the names of persons nominated by the nominating papers, as aforesaid, and the ballot shall be prepared and printed under the direction and supervision of the Register of said town, and shall be supplied at the election to voters desiring to vote, and said ballots shall be official ballots, and shall not be distributed except to the voters as they present themselves to the election officials on the day of the election, and said ballots shall be immediately used by the voter, and shall not be removed from the voting room except after they are counted by the election officials, and no other ballots shall be used, or permitted to be used at said election, although specimen ballots may be printed by the Register, or by any candidate, or other