

Assistant Burgess of said town, both of whom shall be citizens of the United States and five years residents of said town next preceding the election, and at least twenty-five years of age; they shall take the oath of office as hereinafter prescribed for town officers, and remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

732. The method of holding elections in said town shall be as follows: The Burgess shall publish by hand-bills, posted in at least six public places in said town, at least ten days prior to the date of said election, the officers to be voted for, or the objects and purposes of said election, in writing, one qualified voter of said town to act as judge of election, who, before he shall proceed to act as such, shall take the following oath or affirmation before the Burgess or a justice of the peace in Washington county: I will fairly and impartially act as judge of the municipal election to be held in town of Sharpsburg on the..... day of September, A. D....., according to the best of my knowledge and understanding of law. A certificate that said oath or affirmation has been administered shall accompany the election returns as hereinafter provided. On failure of the judge so appointed to appear, the Burgess shall appoint another qualified person, and so on until a judge is secured; and in case of death, absence, inability or refusal of the Burgess to appoint, the duty shall devolve upon the assistant Burgess, and in case of his death, absence, inability or refusal, the like duty shall devolve upon one of the Commissioners chosen by a majority of that body; and upon failure of the Burgess, assistant Burgess or Commissioners to perform the duties imposed by this section, they shall be subject to indictment in the Circuit Court for Washington county, and to a fine of twenty-five dollars upon conviction. The said judge shall be a conservator of the peace during the election and until the ballots shall be counted and the returns made out, and shall have the authority to commit offenders for any breach of the peace, or interference with the election, for a period of not over twenty days, and to administer oaths or affirmation to any person touching his qualification as a voter. The said judge shall appoint a clerk of election from the qualified voters of said town, who, before acting as such shall take the following oath or affirmation, to be administered by the judge: I will well and faithfully keep a true record of all the votes cast at the municipal election to be held in the town of Sharpsburg, on the.....day of September, A. D....., according to the best of my ability. A box shall be kept, in which all the ballots received shall be deposited by the judge, and the names of all persons