

official ballot, before or during the election, shall, upon indictment and conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five, nor more than two hundred fifty dollars, or shall be imprisoned in the Washington County Jail for not more than ninety days, or both by fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 50 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Boonsboro", be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows, to wit:

50. Any qualified voter desiring to become a candidate for Mayor shall file with the Clerk of the said town a petition setting forth his name, residence, age, whether he is a citizen of the United States, and the length of time he has resided in the town of Boonsboro, signed by at least twenty qualified voters and taxpayers of the said town of Boonsboro, together with a filing fee of \$2.00, and any qualified voter desiring to become a candidate for Assistant Mayor or Councilman shall file a similar petition, signed by at least ten qualified voters and taxpayers of the said town of Boonsboro, together with a filing fee of \$1.00; and all said petitions shall be filed not more than twenty days and not less than fifteen days prior to the general town election. When said petitions have been filed, and the time for their filing has expired, the Registrars herein provided for shall examine and pass upon the sufficiency and legality of the same, and the eligibility of the petitioning candidates, and shall certify to the Mayor and Council the names of said eligible candidates; and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to give public notice of all such nominations at least ten days prior to the day of the general election, by way of notices on hand bills posted in not less than ten public places within the corporate limits of said town of Boonsboro, which notice shall state the offices to be voted for, or the object and purpose of such election. Provided, however, that any candidate may withdraw his candidacy and secure the return of said filing fee, by a written notice filed with the Clerk of the town not less than ten days prior to the date of said election, and in the event no such withdrawal is made, the said filing fees shall be retained and used to defray the expenses of election.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if any section, clause or provision of this Act should be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or inoperative,