

notify the candidate nominated thereby whether or not the petition is found to be signed by the required number of qualified voters. If found insufficient, the petition shall immediately be returned to the candidate along with the \$5.00 deposit with a statement certifying wherein the petition is found insufficient. A new petition may be filed for the same candidate within the regular time for filing petitions.

Additional methods of making nominations for the Town elections may be prescribed by ordinance duly enacted by the Board of Aldermen.

(e) Ballots. The names of candidates as they appear on their respective nomination petitions shall be printed on the official ballots in the alphabetical order of the surnames in rotation, with candidates for mayor being listed in one group and candidates for Aldermen being listed in another group. The Ballots cast at each election shall be preserved by the Election Board until the terms of the officers elected thereby have expired. Ballots and ballot boxes shall, except as herein otherwise provided, be governed by the regulations in Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(f) Counting, challenging, watching. Every regularly nominated candidate shall have the right to be present during the counting of ballots at any voting place. He may designate or appoint in writing such watchers and challengers as are provided for in Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The person receiving the highest number of votes for mayor shall be declared elected and the persons receiving the highest numbers of votes for aldermen shall be declared elected to the vacancies to be filled on the Board. In case of tie vote for any office, a special election shall be held on the third day following the official determination that the regular election has resulted in a tie.

6. (Vacancies in Offices.) (a) If the office of Mayor is vacated for any reason, the President of the Board of Aldermen shall become Mayor and shall act as such until the next regular election of the town. In such case, the President of the Board shall vacate his position and office as Alderman and the remaining members of the Board shall elect an Alderman to take the place of the President as a member of the Board until the next regular municipal election.

(b) All vacancies on the Board of Aldermen shall be filled by persons selected by the remaining members of the Board until the next regular municipal election when all vacancies shall be filled by election of the voters.