

coning six months next preceding the election, and who shall have been registered as hereinafter prescribed, shall on the first Tuesday in May, 1949, and on the same day every second year thereafter, at such place as the Mayor and Councilmen may designate within the corporate limits, elect one qualified voter of said town to be Mayor of Lonaconing, who shall hold office for two years and until his successor shall have qualified; and at the same time shall elect three qualified voters of said town to be Councilmen for said town, to serve four years, or until their respective successors shall have qualified; and the Mayor and Councilmen shall qualify on or before the fourth Tuesday in May, and shall enter upon their respective duties on the first Tuesday in June of each year.

397. They shall in the month of June, 1949, and every second year thereafter, appoint a bailiff who will be the Chief of police officers in Lonaconing and such additional police officers as they may deem necessary for the safety of said town, who upon entering upon the duties of their office, shall make oath before the Mayor that they will faithfully perform all duties required of them as officers according to the best of their skill, judgment and without favor, affection or prejudice, and said bailiff and other police officers shall give such bond and security for the faithful performance of all duties imposed upon them as bailiff and police officers in such sum as the Mayor and Councilmen may designate and with such security as may be acceptable to the Mayor and Councilmen; and the said bailiff and police officers may be removed at any time by said Mayor and Councilmen for any malfeasance, non-feasance or misfeasance of their respective office. The qualifications for such bailiff and police officers shall be such as may be determined by said Mayor and Councilmen.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved May 6, 1949.