

large, beginning with the election to be held on the first Monday in May, 1951, shall be elected for a term of four years. No person shall be allowed to vote in any election in said Town except those persons whose names appear upon the registration books of said Town. The Mayor and Town Council shall, on or before the first Monday in April, 1949, and every second year thereafter, appoint three judges and two clerks, who shall themselves be registered voters, to conduct the elections. All elections for town purposes shall, as nearly as practicable, be conducted in a manner similar to those for election of County officers in Prince George's County, except as herein otherwise provided. The Mayor and councilman at large shall be elected by the combined vote of all of the wards of the Town, and the ward councilmen shall be elected by the votes of the wards in which they dwell. The candidate for each office who shall receive the greater number of votes than any other candidate for said office shall be declared elected, and in the event of a tie vote, another election shall be held as soon as practicable to elect one of the candidates so tied.

(b) In all town elections, public notice thereof shall be posted in not less than four public places at least ten days before the date of election; the polls shall be open between the hours of eleven A. M. and eight P. M., and three judges and two clerks, hereinbefore mentioned in this section, shall constitute a Board of Election Supervisors and shall determine the qualifications and right of each voter to participate in the Town election, as hereinbefore provided. Immediately upon the closing of the polls, the judges of the election shall proceed to count the ballots but no ballot cast by a voter dwelling in one ward for a candidate for the office of councilman of another ward, and no ballot cast for more than one candidate for the office of Mayor or councilman at large shall be counted. The counting of the ballots shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed, and the returns shall be announced publicly and written returns fully completed and signed by the judges and clerks of election, and sealed in an envelope with the names of said judges and clerks signed thereon, shall be sent, one copy to the Mayor of said Town and one copy to the Town Clerk and Treasurer for file among the records of the Town. Any judge or clerk who declines to sign said return shall prepare, sign and seal in an envelope and send as aforesaid, an individual return, giving his reason therefor. The ballots shall then be returned to the ballot boxes from which they were removed, a paper seal with the signatures of the judges and clerks thereon shall be pasted upon said ballot boxes in such manner that the boxes cannot be opened without breaking said seal,