

twenty-one years, and having resided six months in the said town next preceding the election, and who are citizens of the United States, be authorized to elect on the first Monday of May, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and on the same day, annually, there after, forever, a Burgess, who, shall have been an inhabitant of said town, for two years, previous to the day of his election, and five commissioners who shall be above the age of twenty-one years, and shall have resided in the said town, one year previous to the day of their election; the election to be held in some central part of the town, and the polls to be kept open from nine o'clock in the morning, to two o'clock in the evening.

A Burgess

Five commissioners

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That Andrew Pouders, Jacob Yingling and Michael Barnitz, or any two of them, be, and they are hereby appointed judges, for the first election of Burgess and Commissioners, and the said judges shall conduct the same in the manner in which the judges of an election district are now by law directed to hold an election for Delegates to the General Assembly, as far as may be consistent with the other provisions of this act, and the said judges shall make return under their hands and seals, of the persons who shall have received the highest number of votes for Burgess and Commissioners elected, after they shall have taken the oath prescribed by this act, to be by them safely kept and recorded; all future elections to be held by two or more judges as shall, from time to time be directed by ordinance of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with this act.

Judges hold first election

Make return

Future elections

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to enact and pass all such ordinances as may be necessary to preserve the health of the town, and to prevent and remove nuisances; to grade and pave in such manner and with such materials as they may direct, the sidewalks of said town of Westminster, not exceeding on either side of the streets thereof, one-fifth of the whole width; to open new streets, lanes and alleys, upon the application or with the consent of two-thirds of the owners of the property through whose land the said streets, lanes or alleys, may pass; to open, and keep open, all streets, lanes, and alleys, originally laid out;

General powers of the commissioners