

days previous to the election, and naming the date, hours and place of election, and the judges who shall officiate thereat, which judges or any two of whom shall hold such election and perform the duties of judges in like manner and at like pay as judges appointed by the Commissioners. The costs of such elections shall be borne by the Commissioners.

128. If any person elected to the office of Commissioner shall refuse to act or to qualify, shall die, resign or be or become disqualified or remove beyond the corporate limits of said town, the remaining Commissioners shall within thirty days elect a successor to serve until the next election, at which time a Commissioner shall be elected to fill the unexpired term caused by such vacancy. If the Commissioners so remaining shall fail to fill the vacancy as aforesaid within the time aforesaid, then the vacancy may be filled by an election called by five or more voters in the same manner and prosecuted as provided in Section 127.

129. All officers of said town, including judges of election, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take oath before a Notary Public of Caroline County that they will well and faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices as prescribed by law and the ordinances of the Commissioners, to the best of their skill and judgment without fear, favor, partiality or prejudice. A certificate of such qualification shall be delivered by such Notary Public to the Commissioners to be filed and recorded among their proceedings. A failure to qualify on or before the date specified for taking office shall be deemed a refusal to accept the office to which such person has been elected or appointed.

130. The said Commissioners at their first meeting after election and qualification shall elect from their own number a presiding officer of their Board, who shall be known as Mayor and hold said office during the pleasure of the Board, and shall appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer, which latter offices may be held by the same person. The Commissioners may appoint one or more assessors of taxes and may appoint bailiffs or police, who, within the limits of said Town and beyond them within one mile thereof, shall have all the police powers of constables and it shall be their duty to enforce the by-laws and ordinances of the Town and the laws of the State of Maryland relating to crimes and misdemeanors. The Commissioners may appoint such other officers and employees from time to time as they may deem necessary for the interest and welfare of said town, and determine the rates of pay of all persons appointed.