

herein, and who pay taxes in said town on an assessment on real estate in their own names, respectively of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), shall be eligible for election as Commissioner. All elections for Commissioner shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year between the hours of one and six o'clock P.M. *ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN APRIL, 1969, THE* [The] qualified voters [shall elect by ballot on the first Monday in April, 1939,] *SHALL ELECT* as Commissioner one person to serve for the term of three years from said date and the qualified voters shall elect [by ballot] on the first Monday in April, [1940], 1970, as Commissioner one person to serve for the term of three years from said date and the qualified voters shall elect [by ballot] on the first Monday in April, [1940], 1971, as Commissioner one person to serve for a term of [one year] *THREE YEARS* from said date and thereafter the qualified voters shall elect [by ballot] on the first Monday in April in each successive year as Commissioner one person to serve for a term of three years from said date, all of whom shall serve for a term of three years from their respective dates of election.

447. The town clerk shall provide ballot boxes, ballots, registry books, tally sheets and stationery of every description necessary and proper for the registry of all voters and for the conduct of election, and the expenses thereof shall be paid by the Commissioners of St. Michaels. Said Clerk shall have the official ballot prepared and shall have printed thereon in plain, legible type the names of the several candidates for Commissioner and the propositions to be voted upon, not less than six days preceding the date set for election, and have the same published in at least one newspaper in Talbot County not less than six days preceding the date set for election, and have the same published in at least one newspaper in Talbot County not less than six days preceding said election, such names shall be grouped and arranged alphabetically, according to surname. *THE ELECTION MAY BE HELD BY USE OF A VOTING MACHINE OR MACHINES OR BY PAPER BALLOT BUT NOT BY BOTH. THE DESIGNATION SHALL BE MADE BY RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND SHALL REMAIN FROM ELECTION TO ELECTION UNLESS CHANGED BY SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION.*

IF THE ELECTION IS HELD BY USE OF PAPER BALLOTS, THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS SHALL BE CONFORMED TO. The ballot shall be opaque white paper and of sufficient width and length to admit the names of the candidates, and propositions to be voted for. To the right of each name on said ballot there shall be a square space clearly defined by lines in which the voter may express his choice at said election by making a cross-mark (X) with pen or indelible pencil. And whenever there be any question submitted to the voters for their decision, the said question shall be placed upon said ballot in full followed by a line "For proposition" and a line "Against proposition" and to the right of each line, there shall be a square space clearly defined by lines in which the voter may express his choice by making a cross-mark (X) with pen or indelible pencil.

448. The Commissioners of said Town shall [be] *DESIGNATE THE* judges of election, *PRIOR TO EACH ELECTION DAY* and every [commissioner] *JUDGE*, before proceeding to hold an election shall make oath before a duly authorized officer of the law, that he will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of judge of election, and permit every person to vote at such election who is qualified, and prevent any one from voting who is not qualified; and the judges shall, at the close of the polls, count the votes given to each candidate and publicly declare the result of