

18. (Appeal.) If any person shall feel aggrieved by the action of the Clerk-Treasurer in refusing to register or on striking off the name of any person, or by any other action, such person may appeal to the Commission. Any decision or action of the Commission upon such appeals may be appealed to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County within thirty days of the decision or action of the Commission.

19. (Nominations.) Persons may be nominated for elective office in the Town by filing a certificate of nomination signed by five registered voters in the Town. Such certificate shall state the following.

(1) The Office which the candidate is seeking the nomination, (2) The name of the candidate, (3) a statement that the signers of the certificate are registered voters, (4) the signers support the nomination of the named candidate. The certificate shall be filed with the Clerk at least twenty calendar days prior to the election. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office or hold more than one elective Town public office at any one time. Provision is hereby also made for any voter to write in the name on the ballot of any other qualified person for Town Commissioner.

20. (Election of Commissioners.) On the first Monday of June, 1969, the qualified voters of the Town shall elect one person as Commissioner to serve for a term of one year; one person as Commissioner to serve for a term of two years, and one person as Commissioner to serve for a term of three years. On the first Monday of June of each succeeding year, the qualified voters of the Town shall elect one person as Commissioner to serve for a term of three years.

21. (Conduct of Elections.) It shall be the duty of the Clerk-Treasurer to provide for each special and general election a suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and ballots and/or voting machines. The ballots and/or voting machines shall show the name of each candidate nominated for elective office in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, arranged in alphabetical order by office with no party designation of any kind. The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep the polls open from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on election days or for longer hours if the Commission requires it.

22. (Special Elections.) All special Town elections shall be conducted by the Clerk-Treasurer in the same manner and with the same personnel, as far as practicable, as regular Town elections.

23. (Vote Count.) Within twelve hours after the closing of the polls, the Clerk-Treasurer shall determine the vote cast for each candidate or question and shall certify the results of the election to the Commission and shall record the results in the minutes of the Commission. The Candidate(s) for Commissioners with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected.

24. (Preservation of Ballots.) All ballots used in any Town election shall be preserved for at least six months from the date of the election.

25. (Vacancies.) In case of a vacancy on the Commission for any reason, the Commission shall elect some qualified person to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. Any vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the favorable votes of a majority of the remaining members of the Commission. The results of any such vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the Commission.