

cretion; provided, that the entire area shall not exceed four hundred acres. CHAP. 447.

75. That male inhabitants of Denton, citizens of the State of Maryland and of the United States, above the age of twenty-one years, who have resided in said town for at least six months next preceding the election, and who are assessed on the tax books of said town with real or personal property to the value of at least one hundred dollars, and all other male residents of said town possessed of the qualification of citizenship, age and residence aforesaid, who shall on or before the third Monday in April of each year pay to the treasurer of the town a sum of money equal to the tax rate for that year on one hundred dollars and receive a receipt therefor, and no others, shall, on the fourth Monday of April annually, between the hours of one and five o'clock P. M., at such place as the commissioners of said town shall appoint, elect by ballot five persons, residents and qualified voters of said town, and who shall be assessed on the tax books thereof with at least three hundred dollars' worth of property, as Commissioners of Denton. Commissioners to be elected.

76. That the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be judges of the said election, or they may appoint any three voters to act as judges, and the proceedings shall be recorded under their direction; and every commissioner or person so appointed before he opens an election, shall make oath before a justice of the peace for Caroline county that he will faithfully and impartially permit every person to vote at such election who shall be qualified to vote for commissioners of said town, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election who shall not be legally qualified to vote, and the five persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Judges of election.

82. That the said commissioners shall elect a president of their board and appoint a clerk, a bailiff, one or more assessors of taxes, and one or more policemen. President, etc., to be elected.

84. The clerk shall be appointed from among the citizens of said town qualified to vote for commissioners; he shall, before entering upon his duties, make oath before a justice of the peace for Caroline county that he will well and faithfully perform the duties of his office as prescribed by this Act, or which may be prescribed by any by-laws or ordinances of the said commissioners, to the best of his skill and judgment; he shall sign all drafts or orders for money appropriated or ordered by the commissioners to be paid by the Treasurer, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of said commissioners in a book to be provided by them for that purpose, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of any person interested. Clerks to be appointed.