

days after the passage of this Act, such position shall be taken and regarded as vacant, and shall be filled by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners within two weeks after the expiration of said ten days. On the first Monday in May in the year 1915, and on the same date in every year thereafter, an election shall be held in the said villages for the election of seven members, each of whom shall be a resident taxpayer upon real or personal property situate in said villages, to be and constitute the "Friendship Heights Citizens Committee" for the ensuing year, each of whom shall qualify on the third Monday in May thereafter by taking an oath, before an officer of the law duly commissioned to administer same, to diligently and faithfully discharge the duties of the office. In case any such person so elected as Committeeman, shall fail to qualify on the date named, or in case of any vacancy through death, resignation or otherwise, the said Board of County Commissioners shall fill such vacancy by the appointment of a resident taxpayer upon real or personal property situate in said villages, who shall hold office for such term or unexpired term. That the annual election of said Committeemen, as herein provided, shall be held under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, but the returns thereof shall be made to the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County; all resident taxpayers upon real or personal property situate in the said vilages shall be eligible to vote at such elections; but such election shall be conducted by three Judges of Election and two Clerks, to be appointed by said Committee, who shall serve without pay, and the polls of said election shall be open from five o'clock p. m. to nine o'clock p. m., on the first Monday in May, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That any member of the "Friendship Heights Citizens Committee" may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners upon the charge of malfeasance or misfeasance in office, preferred by two or more members of said Committee, after due notice of said charge and after an opportunity has been given for defence thereon, and a hearing to be fixed therefor. The said Treasurer of said "Friendship Heights Citizens Committee" and other officers and employees of said villages shall hold their offices or positions at the pleasure of said "Friendship Heights Citizens Committee" or in conformity with contracts which may be made by and between said Committee and such officers or employees for a period not to extend beyond the limits of the terms of office of said Committees.