

effective on and after the first day of the month following said approval.

4. (A) The Council shall annually appoint one or more persons as officers of registration, whose duty it shall be to enter in alphabetical order in proper and convenient books, or on cards to be provided by the Council, the names of all persons applying for registration who are entitled to vote under the provisions of this Charter; and for the purpose of ascertaining the facts, the said officers of registration are hereby empowered to administer oaths to applicants and witnesses, touching the qualifications of applicants for registration under the terms of this Charter. Such officers of registration shall sit, with their official books, for registration of qualified applicants, from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M., on the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding every municipal election; a right of challenge and of presentation of facts relating to qualifications, and a right to appeal to the Council from the decision of the registration officers is hereby granted to any person or persons aggrieved by the decision of such officers, provided a notice of said appeal is filed in writing with the officers of registration within twenty-four hours after such decision is rendered. The Council shall sit at the hour of 8.00 o'clock on the Thursday evening before the election and at such other times as may be necessary prior to the election, to hear such appeals, if any, and the evidence relative thereto. Every applicant and challenger concerned in such appeal or appeals shall, at the conclusion of the registration, be duly notified by the registration officers of the time and place of the said meeting of the Council. The decision of the Council on such appeals shall be final. The Council shall give at least five days' notice of the time and place of sitting of the officers of registration, by means of handbills posted and generally distributed in said town, or by advertisement in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the said town. The said officers of registration, as soon as their sittings are finished, shall forthwith transmit to the Town Clerk an alphabetical list of all persons registered and those rejected at such sittings, together with all books, papers and documents bearing on the qualifications of such persons to be registered under the provisions of this Charter; and such list shall be available for public inspection. Any person registered may be challenged before the Council, sitting for the purpose of hearing appeals as herein provided, although not challenged at the time of registration, provided notice is given at any time