

2. When a requisition shall be presented to any License Commissioner from one fifth of the Parliamentary electors of any town, incorporated village, parish, township, or other municipality (save and except counties and cities), requiring a vote, to be taken as to whether or not such license shall issue or be granted therein, it shall be the duty of such License Commissioner or Chairman, upon the receipt of such requisition to scrutinize the names of electors to such requisition, and being satisfied that the said electors, whose names are attached to said requisition are duly qualified and registered, and after the person or persons, who have witnessed the signatures to the said requisition, shall have sworn before a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Public, that he the said witness or they the said witnesses, were present and saw the said electors sign the said requisition, and that the signers constitute one fifth of the Parliamentary electors of such municipality, to command the holding of a public meeting of the said electors, to ascertain whether or not such licenses shall be granted, and the taking of a poll to that effect. The License Commissioner to whom the requisition has been presented shall, by an order inserted in the Register, (1st) appoint the license inspector or other person to preside at such meeting and act as returning officer, and (2nd), fix the place and day at and in which the poll shall be taken, the returning officer, in accordance with the order, shall give public notice of such meeting in some newspaper within the Municipality or District, or if there be no newspaper within the District, then in some newspaper as near thereto as may be, the publication to be continued in at least one number of such paper each week for three successive weeks, and also by posting up such notices, or copies of the same, at the polling places within such Municipality fixed in the order, and also at two or more of the most public places in the Municipality. This meeting shall be held in the month of January next ensuing, on such day as shall be most convenient, and not less than four weeks, and not more than seven weeks, from the date of the first publication of such notice, said poll to be taken between the hours of nine A.M., and four P.M., of the day so appointed. Should any riot or disturbance take place so as to disturb polling, such poll shall be continued on the next succeeding lawful day.

3. On the day appointed for taking the poll the license inspector, or person appointed as returning officer, shall preside over the meeting, and such officer shall have all the powers for the preservation of the peace which are by law vested in a returning officer at any election of a member of the House of Commons of Canada, and shall have the powers of appointing and swearing constables.

4. The returning officer and the election clerks whom he shall employ, shall subscribe and swear to the oath for the due and proper performance of the duties of their respective offices according to the forms *mutatis mutandis* prescribed in the Schedule to the Dominion Elections Act, 1874, before the nearest resident Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for taking affidavits, and shall be subject to the same penalties for the neglect or improper discharge of their respective duties as are imposed on similar officers in case of any election of a Member of the House of Commons.

5. The Clerk of the Municipality shall furnish the returning officer with a correct list of the qualified electors within the municipality for which the poll is to be taken; and such returning officer shall, in case of doubt, have the power to administer to voters the oath as to qualification required in cases of the election of a Member of the House of Commons.

6. Each elector, desiring to vote, shall come forward in turn to the person presiding, and shall give his vote upon the question put to him by the presiding officer: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, village, parish, township or municipality, as the case may be; "yes" or "no," the word "yes" meaning that he votes for the granting of licenses, and the word "no" that he votes against the granting of the same, and every vote given shall be recorded in a poll-book by the person or persons appointed to act as election clerk or election clerks, and all votes shall be taken under the same restrictions, regulations and penalties with regard to the eligibility of the voter, and as to bribery, as exist under the Dominion Election Acts.