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or malt liquors in the rural districts and in those localities in which no police force shall have been organized, that is to say, the senior Magistrate of the township, parish or other municipal locality in which the house for which the licence is required shall be; the senior Officer of Militia within the limits of such locality, and resident in such municipal locality; and the Church Warden in office (*Marguillier en charge*,) of the parish, and wherever there shall be in such locality a Protestant Church, the senior Church Warden thereof, not being disqualified under this Act; and certificates shall be granted by the said authorities at a special meeting which shall take place between the first of February, and the twentieth day of April inclusively in each year, at such place as may be determined upon by the said authorities; and due notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given at the Church door after Divine Service in the forenoon, or at some other public place, within the said township, parish or locality, at least fifteen days before the day so appointed: Provided, that if the said authorities shall deem it expedient, they may appoint any other special meeting for granting such licence, giving due notice of the time and place thereof as aforesaid: and in case there shall be a difference of opinion between any of the said authorities on the question relative to such certificates, the signature of any two of them to any such certificate shall be sufficient, and in the event of an equality of votes the senior Magistrate, or in his absence the senior Officer of Militia, or in his absence the Chairman for the time being appointed at the meeting, shall have a second or casting vote.

Proviso.

Necessity of a
Tavern must
be proved.

IV. And be it enacted, That no certificate for a tavern license shall be granted in such rural districts, unless the party applying for the same shall prove by a requisition signed by the majority of the municipal electors in his municipality, that in their opinion a tavern is necessary at the place at which he purposes to keep one.

Who shall
grant certificates
in cities,
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V. And be it enacted, That in the cities and in every locality in which a police force shall be organized the duty of granting certificates for obtaining licences shall be and is hereby imposed upon the chief or senior officer of police, or in his default upon such person or persons as the Governor for the time being may appoint. Provided always, that no application for a licence shall in any case be received after the first day of February of the year in and for which the applicant shall propose to take out his licence: Provided also, that no distiller, brewer or importer of or person dealing in spirituous or intoxicating liquors, or leasing any house or tenement for the purpose of a tavern, or in any manner deriving profit directly or indirectly from the vending or disposing of spirituous or intoxicating liquors shall take part in the granting of certificates.

Proviso.