

# Township Elections.

As the third Tuesday in March the new date for the election of township officers, approaches, attention is called to the radical change in the law. The old law (section 2541, of the old code) provided; "There shall be elected at the annual township meeting in each township, three supervisors, one of whom shall be designated on the ballot as chairman, one township clerk, one treasurer, one assessor, two constables, one overseer of highways for each road district in each township, but justices and constables shall be elected only once in two years, except to fill vacancies."

The new law is as follows: (Section 2541, chapter 182, laws of 1905) "There shall be elected at the annual township meeting in each township; one supervisor for the term of three years, one township clerk, one treasurer, one assessor, one overseer of highways for each road district in such township, each for the term of one year, and two justices of the peace and two constables for the term of two years, but justices of the peace and constables shall be elected but once in two years except to fill vacancies. At the first annual township meeting in each township after the taking effect of this article there shall be elected at large for such township, three supervisors, one to serve until the first annual township meeting, one to serve until the second annual township meeting, and one to serve until the third annual township meeting thereafter. The board of supervisors at their first regular meeting shall elect one of their members as chairman to serve for the period of one year."

From the above it will be seen that the law contemplates the election of supervisors and their tenure of office to be similar to that of county commissioners.

Another important change in the law is that the election of township officers has been delayed one week, coming on the third instead of on the second Tuesday in March.

The courts have decided that township election day is not a legal holiday.