

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

years of age, a citizen of the United States, and five years a resident of said town next preceding the election, to be Mayor of said town, and shall actually be possessed of and assessed on the books of said town real or personal property to the amount in value of five hundred dollars at the time of his election. He shall take the oath of office as hereinafter prescribed for town officers, and remain in office until his successor is elected and qualified. All elections shall be by ballot, and no person shall be entitled to vote at any election who is not duly registered as hereinafter provided.

VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.

Council shall
fill vacancy in
the office of
Mayor.

Sec. 169 A. In case of vacancy in the office of Mayor by death or otherwise, or in case any person who may have been elected Mayor at any general election shall fail or refuse to qualify as Mayor within three days after service of notice of election, as hereinafter provided, the Council at any general or special meeting shall elect some legally qualified person to fill the office of Mayor for any unexpired term of any vacancy caused by death or otherwise, or for the term of any person who may have refused to qualify; and in case of any election of Mayor by the Council the person receiving a majority of the whole number of members of the Council shall be declared elected as Mayor of said town for any unexpired term in case of vacancy caused by death or otherwise, or for any term for which any person previously elected may have refused to qualify, and the clerk of the Mayor and Council shall immediately certify the vote so taken to elect any such successors, or to elect any person for any term so as aforesaid, under his hand and the corporate seal of the town; and the said clerk of Union Bridge, upon receipt thereof, shall forthwith notify the person so elected, who shall within three days after the service of such notice qualify by taking the oath hereinafter prescribed for town officers, and if such person elected shall fail to qualify, as hereinafter provided, another election shall be held by the Council to fill the vacancy; and until such vacancy is filled the Council shall choose one of their members as Mayor, who shall discharge the duties of the office *pro tempore*.

DUTIES OF THE MAYOR—COMPENSATION.

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Sec. 169 B. The Mayor, by virtue of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and in case of a tie, except in the passage of an ordinance, shall have the deciding vote. He shall see that the ordinances of the town are faithfully executed, and shall report to the Council annually