

VACANCIES AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS.

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How made.

50. If any vacancy shall happen in the office of Commissioners by reason of resignation, death, removal from office, change of residence, failure to qualify, or otherwise, the remaining Commissioners shall order a special election to be held in the ward where the vacancy occurs to fill the unexpired time for which the Commissioner who vacated his office was elected. In such cases judges of election for said ward shall be appointed, a polling place shall be designated, and the notice and the date and the object of the election shall be given, the election shall be held, and the returns shall be made as provided for by Sections forty-eight and forty-nine of this charter; provided that no special election shall be held to fill a vacancy within the four months next preceding the date appointed for the regular biennial election. While a vacancy exists ordinances may be passed with the concurrence of three Commissioners, as in other cases, and any other acts may be done and performed by a quorum which may ordinarily be done and performed thereby.

In elections held to take the sense of the qualified voters of the town in respect to the passage of any contemplated ordinance or ordinances, the several Commissioners in their respective wards shall act as judges of election without pay, and one clerk shall be appointed.

OFFICIAL OATHS.

Official oaths.

51. All officers of said town, whether elected or appointed, to wit: the Mayor, the Commissioners, the Town Clerk and Treasurer, the Town Collector, the Chief Bailiff, the Sub-bailiff, the Policeman, the Judges of Election, the Clerks of Elections and the Health Officers shall severally take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution and laws.

The Mayor shall appear before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dorchester County, and shall make the declarations and take the oath prescribed for him to make and take. The other officers shall take the oath which belong to their respective offices and before the official as prescribed in the sub-title. But if no particular form of oath is prescribed herein, and no official is designated for administering the same, such oath shall be taken before a justice of the peace, and the following is in substance the form of the oath that shall be administered, and such oath shall be administered in due form of law: "That he will, well, truly and faithfully perform the duties of (here insert official title) to the best of his ability and judgment, without fear or favor, partiality or prejudice, according to law.