

sensible, and discreet of the people from each ward, who shall be citizens of the United States, above twenty-one years of age, residents of the said town three years preceding their appointment, and assessed on the books of the assessor to the amount of one thousand dollars; and the voters for the first branch of the said city council shall have the same qualifications as voters for delegates to the general assembly of this state; and the said election shall be made *viva voce*.\*

Qualification reduced to \$300, by supplement in 1807, ch. 152, sec. 5, and 1827, ch. 183, sec. 4.

\* Voting to be by ballot, supplement in 1805, ch. 108.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the first election for members of the first branch of the city council shall be held on the third Monday in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and on the third Monday in February, in each and every year thereafter, at such place in each ward as the judges of the election, in the first instance, and afterwards as the corporation by ordinance shall direct. The election shall be held by wards, and no person shall be entitled to vote for any but the members of the ward of which he is a resident; three respectable citizens, residents in each ward, or a majority of them, in the first instance, to be appointed by the commissioners of Baltimore town, and afterwards by the mayor of said city, shall be judges of the elections in their respective wards, and they shall have power to appoint their respective clerks.

Elections for the first branch, when to be held.

How judges of elections are appointed.

Changed to third Monday in October, by supplement in 1827, ch. 183, sec. 1.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the polls in each ward shall be kept open one day, from eight o'clock in the morning till six o'clock at night, and no longer, and when closed, the several judges shall, within three days after such election, notify to the persons having the greatest number of legal votes in their respective wards that they are duly elected; and they shall make their return, and deposite their polls in the first instance with the present clerk of the commissioners of Baltimore town, and thereafter as shall be directed by ordinance; any vacancy happening in the first branch of the city council, shall be filled up without delay, from the ward where such vacancy happened, in such manner as shall be hereafter directed by ordinance.

Polls open one day.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the second branch shall consist of eight members, who shall be chosen from the several wards, and no person shall be eligible as a member of the second branch, who is not of the full age of twenty-five years, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the said town four years previous to his election, and assessed on the books of the assessor to the amount of two thousand dollars; and the mem-

Qualifications of members of the second branch.