

By 1832, ch. 206, sec. 1, so much of the above act and supplements thereto, as authorize the election of electors of mayor is repealed, and the mayor is ordered to be elected by the people without the intervention of electors.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the city council shall hold their first session at the court-house in Baltimore, or at any other place within said city, on the second Monday in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; and they shall meet on the second Monday of February* in every year thereafter; but the mayor may summon them to convene whenever, and as often as it may appear to him that the public good may require their deliberation. Three-fourths† of the city council shall be a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day; they may compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties, as they may by ordinance provide; they shall appoint their respective presidents, who shall preside at all their sessions, and shall vote on all questions; they shall settle their rules of proceedings, appoint their own officers, regulate their respective fees, and remove them at pleasure; they shall judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of their own members, and may, with the concurrence of three-fourths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behaviour or mal-conduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause; they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter the yeas and nays on any question, resolve or ordinance, at the request of any member, and their deliberations shall be public; they shall ascertain by ordinance the compensation of their services, which shall not be increased during their continuance in office. The second branch of the city council shall nominate two citizens to each office which may arise under this act and the ordinances of said corporation, and the mayor shall appoint and commission one of said nomination, to fill the respective offices during pleasure; and the said mayor shall appoint proper persons to fill up all vacancies during the recess of the session, to hold such appointment until the ensuing session. The city council shall settle the salary of the first mayor at their first session of the second year, and the salary of the succeeding mayors shall be settled previously to their appointment; all ordinances or acts passed by the city council shall be sent to the mayor for his approbation, and, when approved by him, shall become a law, and shall then be obligatory upon the several courts and justices of the peace of Baltimore county, sheriff and constables within the limits of the city of Baltimore, and all other persons within the limits of said city, to every intent and purpose as the acts of the general assembly of Maryland; *Provided*, the said laws or ordinances shall not contain any thing repugnant to the constitution or laws of this state, or the United States; but if the said mayor shall not approve of such

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