

prior to the date on which members of the City Council are to be elected.

17. **City Council—President.** The voters shall elect on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, 1947, and every fourth year thereafter, from Baltimore City at large, a person to be the President of the City Council who shall possess the qualifications required for the Mayor of the City. It shall be his duty to preside over the City Council and vote on all questions and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance not inconsistent with the Charter. He shall be paid an annual salary of \$6,500.00. The City Council, by a two-thirds vote of its members, may remove the President of the City Council from office for incompetency, willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office upon charges preferred by the Mayor, and after notice of such charges is given to the President of the City Council and an opportunity afforded him to be heard.

18. **City Council—Vacancy in Presidency.** In case it becomes necessary for the President of the City Council to fill the unexpired term of the Mayor, or in case of the death, resignation, removal or other disqualification of the President, the City Council shall thereupon elect a new President for the unexpired term, but it shall not elect as such President any person who, at the time of such election, is a member of the City Council.

19. **City Council—Electors.** The qualifications of electors of members of the City Council shall be the same as those of electors of the Mayor. All vacancies in the City Council shall be filled without delay by the City Council from the Councilmanic District in which the vacancy occurs by the election of a person possessing the qualifications prescribed in Section 15 to fill the unexpired term of the former incumbent.

20. **City Council—Councilmanic Districts.** The Councilmanic Districts as described and laid out in the book deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City January 22, 1923, and recorded in Liber S. C. L. No. 3959, folio 1, shall be and hereafter remain the several Councilmanic Districts of Baltimore City until changed by law or pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.

21. **City Council—Sessions.** The City Council shall meet annually on the Thursday next after the third Monday in May and may continue in session for such period as may be deemed necessary by it. The Mayor may convene the