

Polls to be kept open.

or refuses to act, and the said judges shall keep the polls open at least three consecutive hours, and shall record the names of the voters, and after the closing of the polls shall count the ballots and announce the result, and make and sign a certificate thereof, to be filed among the records of the said corporation; and the Mayor and Councilmen then elected shall, as soon thereafter as convenient, qualify and serve until the first Monday in April, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified, and the Mayor and Councilmen so elected shall be qualified in accordance with article sixty-eight of the Code of Public General Laws; and a failure to qualify, within fifteen days after their election, shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the party so failing, to accept the office to which he has been elected.

In case of death, resignation or removal of Mayor.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if the Mayor or any member of the Common Council shall die, resign, remove from said town, or from any cause shall be disqualified during the year for which they have been elected, the Common Council may elect a Mayor, "*ad interim*," from their own number, for the balance of the term; or the Mayor and remaining members of the Common Council may elect one or more Councilmen to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Future elections.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be from time to time directed by the laws and ordinances of the said corporation, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

Meetings.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Common Council shall meet at some convenient place in said town at least once in every three months, or oftener, if they shall deem it necessary, and the Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Common Council, and have the same power of voting and taking part in all acts and deliberations of the Common Council as any member thereof.

Power to make by-laws

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor and Common Council, or a majority of them, shall have