

election to the persons who shall appear to have been elected and are returned elected by the judges and clerks of election on or before the Saturday after said election, stating in each certificate the office to which the person therein named has been elected and his term of office.

**Failure to elect Mayor and Councilmen.** 197. In case of a failure to elect a Mayor and at least three members of the City Council, those in office shall continue to serve and perform the duties thereof pending an election, and said Board of Election Supervisors shall give notice for a special election to be held on the second Monday after the third Monday in April, in the same manner as provided for a regular election, and such special election shall be held in all respects as is provided for a general election under the provisions of this Act; and the returns thereof shall be made in the same manner. And if, during the term of said Mayor and City Councilman, a vacancy should occur in the office of Mayor or more than two vacancies in the City Council, either by death, resignation, removal or from any other cause, the said Board of Election Supervisors shall call a special election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

**Special election.**

**Organization of new Council.** 202. The City Council shall meet upon the next Monday night succeeding their election, and after qualifying by taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland and to faithfully, honestly and impartially perform the duties of the office to which they have been elected, shall proceed to organize by electing one of their number President of the Council. The City Council shall meet on the second Monday of each month for the transaction of the regular business of the said town, but may meet as often as to them may seem necessary to transact the public business. At all meetings of the said Council three members present and voting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of all the members thereof shall be necessary for the passage of any ordinance or resolution. And the Mayor of said town shall, upon the next Monday succeeding his election, qualify by taking the same oath required to be taken by the members of the City Council.

**Mayor to take his seat.**

**Appointment of town bailiffs.** 207. There shall be appointed annually by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council, in the month of April or as soon thereafter as practicable, one or more persons, not exceeding three, who shall be qualified voters of said town, as herein defined, as bailiffs of said town, whose duties it