

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

3. The legal voters of Ocean City who have resided within the corporate limits six months preceding an election and all male persons who own any real estate in said city of the age of twenty-one years and upward, shall elect by ballot on the first Monday in August, in 1902, and in every second year thereafter, one person to be Mayor of said city, and five persons to be City Councilmen of said city, all of whom must be real estate owners in said city or have interest therein, and at least three of said Council must be legal residents of said city, to serve two years from the second Monday in September next after their election and until their successors are elected and qualified; if any person so elected as Mayor and City Councilman shall refuse to serve as such, or if his place shall become vacant by death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise, the remaining Councilmen shall fill the vacancy as early as possible from among the qualified voters of said town, and the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold his office until the next election; and in case of a tie between any persons voted for at any election under this section of this Act, the clerk of election shall immediately certify to the Councilmen elected the fact of there being a tie, and the said Councilmen shall, at their first meeting as a board, designate one of the said persons who have received a tie vote to be Mayor or Councilmen, as the case may be; and the Mayor or Councilmen, as the case may be, shall hold his office as fully as if he had received the highest number of votes; provided, that the Mayor and City Councilmen who shall be in office at the time this Act shall take effect shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be elected and shall qualify under the provisions of this Act.

Qualifications
of voters.

Vacancy:
how filled.

Proviso.

Official Acts
ratified.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all official acts of the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City, and of either of them, since the passage of the said Chapter 569 of the Acts of 1902, and prior to the passage of this Act and in pursuance or attempted pursuance of the powers vested in them by Chapter 528 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, at its January Session, 1898, be and they are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1904.