

petent accountants and shall publish the result of such examination in the manner above provided for publication of statements of quarterly receipts and expenses.

SEC. 294. If at the beginning of the term of office of the first board of aldermen elected in the city under the provisions of this act, the appropriations for the expenditures of the city government for the current fiscal year have been made, said board of aldermen shall have power, by ordinance, to revise, repeal or change said appropriations and to make additional appropriations.

SEC. 295. In the construction of this act the following rules shall be observed, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent, or repugnant to the context of the statute:

1. When an office or officer is named in any law referred to in this act, it shall be construed to mean the office or officer having the same functions or duties under the provisions of this act, or under ordinances passed under authority thereof.

2. The word "franchise" shall include every special privilege in the streets, highways and public places of the city, whether granted by the State or the city, which does not belong to citizens generally by common right.

3. The word "electors" shall be construed to mean persons qualified to vote for elective offices at municipal elections.

SEC. 296. The holder of any elective office may be removed at any time within six months after the expiration of two years from the date of his election by the electors qualified to vote for a successor of such incumbent. The procedure to affect the removal of an incumbent of an elective office shall be as follows:

A petition signed by electors entitled to vote for a successor to the incumbent sought to be removed equal in number to at least twenty-five per centum of the entire vote for all candidates for the office of mayor cast at the last preceding general municipal election, demanding an election of a successor of the person sought to be removed, shall be filed with the city register, which petition shall contain a general statement of the grounds for which the removal is sought. The signatures to the petition need not all be appended to one paper, but each signer shall add to his signature his place of residence, giving the street and number. One of the signers of each such paper shall make oath before an officer competent to administer oaths that the statements therein made are true