

as he believes, and that each signature to the paper appended is a genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. Within ten days from the date of filing such petition the city register shall examine and from the voters registered ascertain whether or not said petition is signed by the requisite number of qualified electors, and if necessary, the board of aldermen shall allow him extra help for that purpose; and he shall attach to said petition his certificate showing the result of said examination. If by the city register's certificate the petition is shown to be insufficient it may be amended within ten days from the date of said certificate. The city register shall, within ten days after such amendment, make like examination of the amended petition, and if his certificate shall show the same to be insufficient, it shall be returned to the person filing the same, without prejudice, however, to the filing of a new petition to the same effect. If the petition shall be deemed to be sufficient, the city register shall submit the same to the board of aldermen without delay. If the petition shall be found to be sufficient, the board of aldermen shall order and fix a date for holding the said election, not less than thirty days or more than forty days from the date of the city register's certificate to the board of aldermen that a sufficient petition is filed. The board of aldermen shall make or cause to be made publication of notice and all arrangements for holding such election, and the same shall be conducted, returned and the result thereof declared, in all respects as are other city elections. So far as applicable, except as otherwise provided herein, nominations hereunder shall be made without the intervention of a primary election by filing with the city register at least ten (10) days prior to said special election, a statement of candidacy accompanied by a petition signed by electors entitled to vote at said special election equal in number to at least ten per centum of the entire vote for all candidates for the office of mayor at the last preceding general municipal election, which said statement of candidacy and petition shall be substantially in the form set out in section 172 of this act, so far as the same is applicable substituting the word "special" for the word "primary" in such statement and petition, and stating therein that such person is a candidate for election instead of nomination. The ballot to be used at such special election shall be as far as practicable in the same general form as the ballot to be used at a general election, except as herein otherwise provided and said ballot shall be in substantially the following form: