

215. The qualifications of electors of members of the City Council shall be the same as those of electors of the Mayor. All vacancies in the First Branch shall be filled without delay by the First Branch from the ward in which the said vacancy occurs, by an election of a person possessing the qualifications hereinbefore prescribed, to fill the unexpired term of the former incumbent. If a vacancy occurs in the Second Branch, then said Branch shall forthwith fill said vacancy by the election of a person possessing the qualifications hereinbefore prescribed from the City at large or from the proper Councilmanic District, if there be such District at that time.

216. The City Council shall meet on the Thursday next after the third Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and upon the same day in each year thereafter, and may continue in session for one hundred and twenty days, and no longer, in each year; provided, that they may, by ordinance or resolution, so arrange their sittings that the same may be held continuously or otherwise, and provided further, that the Mayor may convene the City Council in extra session, as he may now do by the fourth section of the eleventh Article of the State Constitution.

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## ARTICLE XII.

### PUBLIC WORKS.

Section 1. The Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Treasurer shall constitute the Board of Public Works in this State. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings; and shall hold regular sessions in the City of Annapolis on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October in each year, and oftener if necessary; at which sessions they shall hear and determine such matters as affect the Public Works of the State, and as the General Assembly may confer upon them the power to decide.

Sec. 2. They shall exercise a diligent and faithful supervision of all Public Works in which the State may be interested as Stockholder or Creditor, and shall represent and vote the stock of the State of Maryland in all meetings of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; and shall appoint the Directors in every Railroad and Canal Company in which the State has the legal power to appoint Directors, which said Directors shall represent the State in all meetings of the Stockholders of the respective Companies for which they are appointed or elected. And the President and Directors of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company shall so regulate the tolls of said Company from time to time as to produce the largest amount of revenue, and to avoid the injurious effect to said Company of rival competition by other Internal Improvement Companies. They shall require the Directors of all said Public Works to guard the public interest and prevent the establishment of tolls which shall discriminate against the interest of the citizens or products of this State, and from time to time, and as