

211. The Second Branch shall consist of nine members, one of whom shall be the President thereof, and shall possess the qualifications and be elected as hereinafter provided. The other eight members shall be elected from four Councilmanic Districts, two from each district; said district to be established and fixed as herein defined by this Act. The members of the Second Branch, excepting the President thereof, shall be citizens of the United States above the age of twenty-five years, residents of the City of Baltimore four years prior to their election, each of whom has been assessed with property in the said city in the sum of five hundred dollars, and who has paid taxes on the same for two years prior to his election; and the said members of the Second Branch shall hold their offices for four years, except as provided in Section 213 of this Article, and each of them shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

212. The election for members of the First Branch shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, and upon every fourth year thereafter. Their terms of office shall be for four years. Said election shall be held by wards, and no person shall be entitled to vote for any member of the First Branch except for the member for the ward of which the voter is a resident. The members of said branch now in office shall hold office until their successors have been elected under the provisions of this article, and have duly qualified.

213. The election for the said eight members of the Second Branch shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year nineteen hundred and eleven, and upon every fourth year thereafter. Their terms of office shall be for four years. The members of the Second Branch now in office shall hold office until their successors have been elected under the provisions of this article, and have duly qualified.

214. There shall be elected on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and upon every fourth year thereafter, from the City at large, a person to be the President of the Second Branch of the City Council, who shall possess the qualifications required and hereinbefore defined, of the Mayor of the City of Baltimore. His duty shall be to preside over the Second Branch of the City Council, and vote on all questions, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article. He shall be paid a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. A joint convention of the two branches of the City Council, by a majority vote of all the members elected to the City Council, may remove from office the President of the Second Branch for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office, upon charges preferred by the Mayor, and after notice of such charges is given to the President of the Second Branch, and an opportunity afforded him to be heard.