

Council receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for the period of two years; the three other members of the Council holding for only one year; and if at this election there should be a tie between more than two candidates with the highest number of votes, the ones to hold office for two years shall be publicly determined by lot, after due notice to the parties interested by the judges of election. At the election to be held in May, 1911, there shall be three members of the Council elected for a period of two years, and at the election in the year 1912, the Mayor, with two members of the Council, shall be elected for two years, and so alternately from year to year thereafter; said elections shall be held annually on the first Monday of May, at such place as shall be designated by the Mayor, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and six o'clock in the evening. The Mayor shall give at least two weeks' notice of the election in the newspapers published in Westminster and by such other means as he may elect, and shall appoint three judges of election. The said judges shall have power to appoint a clerk, who shall keep a record of the persons voting and the persons voted for; and the persons having the highest number of votes for the several offices of Mayor and Common Council shall be declared duly elected. The judges and clerks of election shall notify the persons elected of their election, and the persons so elected shall severally hold their respective offices from the third Monday of May next ensuing the election for and during the term of two years (except the three members of Council above mentioned to be elected in May, 1910, who shall hold for one year) and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Said judges shall conduct such election in accord with the ordinance prescribing the same, which shall require them to make return to the Mayor and Common Council, and provide for the preservation of the ballots for a reasonable time. If notice of such election shall not be given as hereinbefore required, or if the judges of election shall be appointed or shall refuse to act, five or more voters of the said city may call an election for said officers by notice set up in the most public places in said city, not less than one week previous to such election, therein naming the time and place of holding such election, and naming three judges thereof, who, or any two of whom, may hold such election, and have the same powers in respect thereto as the judges appointed by the Mayor.

1910, ch. 341, sec. 217 (p. 686).

525. If at any election for Mayor and Councilmen, or three Councilmen, there shall be a tie vote between any candidates for the same office, a new election shall be held; or if any person elected to the office of Councilman shall refuse to act, die, resign, be disqualified or remove beyond the corporate limits, the remaining members of the Council shall elect a successor to serve the remaining part of his term, who shall qualify as the other members; and in event of the death or disqualification of the Mayor during the term of his office, he shall be succeeded by the President of the Council, as hereinafter provided, and a successor of the President of the Council shall be elected by its remaining members.