

porary absence of the Mayor from the city, or in the event of the inability of the Mayor to discharge the duties of his office, said president *pro tempore*, shall discharge the duties of the Mayoralty during the absence or disability of the Mayor. The Board of Aldermen shall settle their rules of proceedings, and shall appoint the necessary officers of said board and remove them at pleasure.

1898, ch. 1, sec. 178. 1918 Code, sec. 236.

214. They shall judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of their own members, and may, with the concurrence of four-fifths of the whole, expel any member for disorderly behavior or malconduct in office, but not a second time for the same cause.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 11, sec. 179. 1914, ch. 9, sec. 179. 1918 Code, sec. 237.

215. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and enter their yeas and nays on any question, resolution or ordinance, at the request of any member. All meetings of the board, whether regular or special, at which any person not a city officer is admitted, shall be open to the public.

CITY REGISTER.

1898, ch. 1. 1904, chs. 295 and 335. 1914, ch. 352, sec. 180. 1918 Code, sec. 238. 1922, ch. 113. 1927, ch. 189.

216. No person shall be city register of said city unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, above the age of twenty-five years, a freeholder in the city within the taxable limits thereof, actually residing therein for three years next preceding his selection. The annual salary of the person elected City Register shall be twenty-four hundred dollars, which sum shall be his total compensation. He shall also be collector of taxes for said city, and whenever said City Register and tax collector shall find it necessary to proceed by way of distress or execution to collect any tax levied by the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick, which it is hereby authorized by law to lay, he shall, as far as practicable proceed in the same manner as is now provided by the laws of the State of Maryland for the collection of State and county taxes. At the beginning of his term of office, and annually thereafter, he shall give bond to the State of Maryland for the use of the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick, in a penalty of fifty thousand dollars, with good and sufficient surety or sureties to be approved by the Board of Aldermen, the premium of which said bond shall be paid by the said Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick, and the said bond shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, the condition of said bond being that if the above Bounden, shall well and faithfully execute the office of the City Register of Frederick City and tax collector for the said city, and shall account for and pay over to the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick the several sums of money which he shall receive for the Mayor and Aldermen of Frederick, or be answerable for by law, at such times as the laws and ordinances of the said city