

cessors are elected and qualified. The qualifications of voters for Mayor and councilmen shall be the same as prescribed for voters by the laws of this State; they must have resided within the corporate limits of said town for at least six months preceding election; the Mayor and councilmen must continue to reside in said town during their term of office and they shall receive no fees or compensation for their service, except that the Mayor shall receive the fees hereinafter allowed.

1906, ch. 826, sec. 4. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 232.

457. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings and call such meetings from time to time as he may deem necessary; but in the event of the absence of the Mayor from any meetings, the members of the council present shall elect one of their own number to preside during his absence, who shall for the time being be clothed with all the powers and authorities of said Mayor; the council shall pass rules and by-laws for their own government while in session; all vacancies in the council caused by absence from its session for more than three consecutive months, without satisfactory excuse or otherwise shall be filled by an election after ten days' notice having been given as to the time and place; in the event of the death or resignation of the Mayor, the council shall elect one of their number to fill the vacancy until the expiration of the former Mayor's term. If at any time during his term as Mayor the Mayor shall have cause to absent himself from the town he shall, at the last meeting preceding his departure, so notify the council, and the council shall at that meeting elect one of their number to act during the absence of the Mayor, who shall for the time being and as long as the absence of the Mayor requires be clothed with all the powers and authority of said Mayor, and in case of his absence shall act with full power and authority until the return of the Mayor, and then the authority and powers of the Mayor *pro tem* shall cease.

1906, ch. 826, sec. 5. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 233.

458. The council shall meet in some convenient place in said town as often as required by the duties of their office, meeting not less than once every month; a majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

1906, ch. 286, sec. 6. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 284.

459. The Mayor shall annually, on or before the first Thursday in April, appoint three judges of election, by and with the consent and approval of the council; said judges shall appoint a clerk and shall conduct an election by ballot in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of this subtitle; the polls to be open at 5 o'clock P. M. and close at 9 o'clock P. M.; the judges and clerks shall make their returns to the council, and also make their returns to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County as to the result of all the elections for the office of Mayor; but said judges and clerks shall receive no compensation for their services; not more than two of said judges of election shall be of the same political party.