

scribed for town officers; they shall receive an annual salary of fifty dollars each, and no other fee or compensation whatever.

1886, ch. 409.

160. In case of the vacancy in the position of councilman for any ward, by death or otherwise, the mayor and council shall order an election to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term; and said election, when ordered, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions hereinafter enacted in reference to elections of town officers.

Ibid.

161. The method of holding all elections in said town shall be as follows: *A.* It shall be the duty of the mayor to publish in two newspapers published in said town, at least ten days prior to the day of holding any such election, notice thereof, which notice shall state the offices to be voted for, or the objects and purposes of such election. *B.* The mayor shall also appoint, at least three days prior to the day of holding any such election, three citizens, qualified voters of said town, to act as judges of election, one of said judges to be of a different political party from the other two. *C.* The persons so appointed to act as judges, before proceeding to act, shall take the following oath before the clerk of the circuit court for Washington county, or one of his sworn deputies: "We will fairly and impartially act as judges of election for councilmen of Hagerstown (or mayor and councilmen of Hagerstown) on the — day of March, —, according to the best of our knowledge and understanding of law;" and a certificate that said oath has been duly administered shall be received by the judges and made to accompany the certificates of election returns as hereinafter provided. *D.* In case of the failure of the said judges, or either of them so appointed, to appear and qualify, as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the mayor to issue a certificate to one or more persons, as the case may be, to act as such judge or judges, who shall appear and qualify as hereinbefore provided; and in case of the death, absence, inability or refusal of the mayor to issue such certificate, the duty of issuing the same shall devolve upon the councilman for ward number one to issue said certificate; and in case of his death, absence, inability or refusal, the like duty shall devolve upon the councilman for ward number two, and so on to the