

1878, ch. 241.

**224.** The male citizens of Hancock, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who have resided in said town for twelve months preceding the election, shall, on the first Monday in April in each year, elect by ballot a burgess, assistant burgess, and three commissioners, having in all respects the same qualifications as the voters.

Ibid.

**225.** All elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the by-laws of the corporation, not contrary to this charter; provided, that no failure to hold elections or meetings, or to do any other act prescribed by this charter, shall work a forfeiture thereof, or in any way impair the force and virtue of the same.

Ibid

**226.** If, during the year for which they were elected, the burgess, assistant burgess or any of the commissioners, shall die, resign, remove from the town, be *non compos mentis*, or displaced, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held after ten days' notice; and all persons qualified to vote at a regular election may vote at such special election.

Ibid

**227.** At all elections the persons who receive the highest number of votes for the respective offices voted for shall be declared duly elected; and if at any election, any two or more persons shall have an equal number of votes, by which no choice shall be made, a second election shall be held after not less than ten days' notice, and so on until a choice is made.

Ibid.

**228.** The burgess, assistant burgess and commissioners shall each qualify as such before a justice of the peace for Washington county, by making oath that they will discharge the duties of their respective offices, according to the best of their skill and judgment, without fear, favor or partiality to any person; a copy of which oath, with a certificate of the justice administering the same, shall be entered upon the journal of the corporation.