

a resident of the ward for which he is elected, and assessed with property to the amount of three hundred dollars, who has paid taxes on the same one year prior to his election, and shall hold his office for two years. Each member of the First Branch shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly.

211. The Second Branch shall consist of nine members, one of whom shall be the President thereof, and shall possess the qualification and be elected as hereinafter provided. The other eight members shall be elected from the City of Baltimore at large, until the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall divide the City of Baltimore into four Councilmanic Districts, to be known as the first, second, third and fourth Councilmanic Districts, which shall each contain as near as possible one-fourth of the population of the City of Baltimore, and shall each be composed of six contiguous wards, according to their numerical order, beginning with the first ward. After said division, then two members of the Second Branch shall be elected from each of said Districts. The members of the Second Branch, excepting the President thereof, shall be citizens of the United States above the age of twenty-five years, residents of the City of Baltimore four years prior to their election, each of whom has been assessed with property in the said City in the sum of five hundred dollars, and who has paid taxes on the same for two years prior to his election, and said members of the Second Branch shall hold their offices for four years, except as provided in section 213 of this Article, and each of them shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, *provided*, that the members of the Second Branch of the City Council in office upon the date of the passage of this Article shall receive such compensation as they would have been entitled to receive if they had served out the full term for which they were elected.

212. The election for members of the First Branch shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and upon every second year thereafter. Said election shall be held by wards, and no person shall be entitled to vote for any member of the First Branch except for the member for the ward of which the voter is a resident. The members of said Branch now in office shall hold office until their successors have been elected under the provisions of this Article, and have duly qualified.