

213. The election for the said eight members of the Second Branch shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. Their terms of office shall be for four years, except that the members of the Second Branch first elected shall determine by lot their terms of office, so as to provide for the retirement of one-half of the said members of the Second Branch at the end of the first two years. On the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year nineteen hundred and one, and in every second year thereafter, an election shall be held for four members of said Branch to fill the places of the members then retiring.

214. There shall be elected on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and upon every fourth year thereafter, from the City at large, a person to be the President of the Second Branch of the City Council, who shall possess the qualifications required and hereinbefore defined, of the Mayor of the City of Baltimore. His duty shall be to preside over the Second Branch of the City Council, and vote on all questions, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinances not inconsistent with this Article. He shall be paid a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly. A joint convention of the two Branches of the City Council, by a majority vote of all the members elected to the City Council, may remove from office the President of the Second Branch for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office, upon charges preferred by the Mayor, and after notice of such charges is given to the President of the Second Branch, and an opportunity afforded him to be heard.

215. The qualifications of electors of members of the City Council shall be the same as those of electors of the Mayor. All vacancies in the First Branch shall be filled without delay by the First Branch from the ward in which the said vacancy occurs, by an election of a person possessing the qualifications hereinbefore prescribed, to fill the unexpired term of the former incumbent. If a vacancy occurs in the Second Branch, then said Branch shall forthwith fill said vacancy by the election of a person possessing the qualifications hereinbefore prescribed from the City at large or from the proper Councilmanic District, if there be such District at that time.