

delivered to the clerk of the said town, who shall record and file the same among the records of the said corporation, and the mayor and common councilmen so elected shall qualify in accordance with article sixty-eight of the Code of Public General Laws, and shall each hold the office to which he has been elected, one year from the third Monday in April next ensuing his election, and until his or their successors shall be elected and qualified; and a failure to qualify within two weeks after their election shall be deemed a refusal on the part of the party so failing to accept the office to which he has been elected.

Neglect to
qualify.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That if any person who has been elected to the office of mayor or common councilman shall refuse or neglect to qualify, or be otherwise disqualified, the mayor shall immediately order a new election to be held to fill the vacancy; and the mayor and common councilmen for the time being, shall continue in office until such election shall be held and their successors are elected and qualified; provided, however, that no election shall be held to fill vacancies in the office of common councilmen, so long as the mayor and three common councilmen shall remain who have been duly elected and qualified, and who shall in such case elect councilmen to fill the vacancy.

Vacancy—
how filled.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That if the mayor or any member of the common council shall die, resign or remove from the said town, or from any cause shall become disqualified during the year for which he has been elected, the chairman of the common council shall act as mayor for the balance of the term; or the mayor and remaining members of the common council shall elect one or more councilmen to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the said term.

Future elec-
tions.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall be from time to time directed by the laws and ordinances of the said corporation, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the said common council shall meet at some convenient place in the