

so that there is no choice for the office a new election shall be immediately proclaimed by the mayor or the president of the board, as the case may be to fill the vacancy, which election shall be held on ten day's notice and in all respects as aforesaid.

SEC. 197. In case of a failure to elect a mayor and at least five councilmen those in office shall continue to perform the duties pending an election which shall be held upon the notice prescribed hereinbefore. Non-election.

SEC. 198. Every judge of election before he proceeds to take or receive any votes shall take an oath that he will permit every qualified person and none other to vote at the election; every clerk before he enters any vote on the polls shall take an oath that he will well and faithfully, without favor, affection, or partiality execute the office of clerk of election; the several judges may administer the oath to each other, or take the same before a justice of the peace resident of the town, and the clerk may either be sworn by one of the judges or before a justice of the peace, resident of the town; and a certificate of every such oath signed by the person administering the same respectively shall be annexed to the polls; and the mayor and city council of Laurel are vested with power and authority to pass all ordinances necessary and proper in respect to the manner of making the election returns and to provide what shall be done on failure of the judges of election to attend at the time appointed for holding any election, and for the manner and time of destroying the said election returns. Oath.

SEC. 199. The mayor and city council shall qualify and take possession of their office respectively by the second Wednesday in April in each and every year, and a failure to qualify within the time prescribed shall be deemed a refusal by the party failing to qualify to accept the office, whereupon a new election shall be proclaimed to fill the vacancy thereby occasioned. Qualify.

SEC. 201. The mayor of the town of Laurel shall be the executive officer thereof, clothed with all the powers necessary to secure the enforcement of all ordinances passed by the council of said town under this charter; he may convene the council when in his opinion the public good may require it, and shall from time to time lay before them in writing, such proposed alterations in the laws of the corporation as he may deem necessary and proper; in case of his death, resignation, inability or refusal to serve, or removal from the town, the council shall elect some citizen of the town to act in his place until his successor is elected or the disability is removed; he shall have the power to veto any ordinance, law or regulation passed by the council, and unless said veto is over-ruled by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the council elected, said veto shall stand and such ordinance, law or resolution shall be null and void and he shall return every ordi- Duties.