

town, and in such manner and at such place, and after such notice as may be directed by ordinance of the corporation not inconsistent with this sub-title of this article.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the judges of all elections for officers held under this sub-title of this article, before holding any elections, shall each swear or affirm before a justice of the peace for said county that he will fairly and impartially act as judge of such election; and said judges of election shall keep the polls open from two o'clock until six o'clock p. m. and shall in the presence of such persons as may desire to witness the same, immediately thereafter count the ballots, announce the result, and make and sign a written certificate thereof; which they shall deliver to the clerk of said town. Oath.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That if the qualified voters shall at any time neglect to hold an election for any officers to be elected under this sub-title of this article, the powers of such voters shall not be forfeited, but the officers previously elected shall be continued until their successors shall be elected and qualified. Term of office

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor and council shall hold the office to which they shall each, respectively, be elected for one year from the third Monday in May next ensuing their election, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; and a failure to qualify for two weeks after the election of the mayor or any councilman shall create a vacancy in such respective offices. Quorum.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That four of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and in case of vacancy in the office of council, by death, removal out of town, resignation, refusal to qualify, or other qualifications, a majority of the qualified members of the council shall elect members of the council to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term, and until a successor shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town and shall have qualified; and if a vacancy shall occur in the office of the mayor by any of the causes of vacancy mentioned in this section, the chairman of the council shall act as mayor for the unexpired term. Officers to make oath.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That all officers of said town, except the mayor, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, shall make oath before the mayor of said town that they will act faithfully, without favor, partiality or prejudice in all things appertaining to their respective offices; the mayor shall qualify as directed by section 6 of article seventy of Maryland Code of Public General Laws, title "Official Oath." Clerk.