

the time and place so designated for said election, the judge or judges attending shall have power to fill the vacancy, and in the event of the failure of all the said judges so appointed to attend as aforesaid, the mayor shall designate three persons from those present at the polls to act as judges of said election.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted,* That the three judges of election shall appoint two clerks of election; and that said judges and clerks shall conduct the elections in all respects as the election for members for General Assembly were required to be conducted before the adoption of the so-called Australian system, opening the polls at nine o'clock in the morning, and closing them at seven o'clock in the evening; and the said judges and clerks shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by the mayor and councilmen of said town.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That in case of death, refusal to act, resignation or disqualification of the mayor or any of the councilmen, the councilmen or the remaining councilmen shall direct an election to be held to fill such vacancy; and the mayor and councilmen, or remaining councilmen, shall give at least ten days' notice of all such elections in one or more newspapers published in said town; provided, however, that no election shall be held to fill a vacancy for a term less than six months, if at least three qualified councilmen remain.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor and councilmen shall meet at the council chamber on the fourth Tuesday of June next succeeding their election, and the said councilmen before they enter upon the duties of their office, make oath before the mayor that they will diligently and faithfully, to the best of their judgment, perform the duties of said councilmen of said town, without favor, partiality or prejudice; the mayor shall take the oath prescribed by the constitution as directed by section six of article seventy-eight of the Code of Public General Laws.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That they shall meet at the council chamber or some other place at least once in every three months, or oftener if they shall deem necessary, and the mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council, and have the same power of voting and taking part in all acts and deliberations of the council as any member; and they shall at their first meeting, annually select one of their number as president of the council, who, in the absence of the mayor, shall preside at all meetings of the council, and in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor from any cause, the president of the council shall be mayor *pro tem.*, with all the powers and duties of mayor devolving upon him, until the vacancy is filled by an election.