

a common seal, and the same may alter and change at their pleasure.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the free white male citizens of Hancock of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, and having resided twelve months in said town next preceding the election, shall, on the first Monday in April next, and on the first Monday in April in each and every year thereafter, elect by ballot a burgess, assistant burgess and three commissioners, who shall have resided within the limits of said town twelve months next preceding the election, and shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

Election of
burgess, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any one justice of the peace residing in said town shall appoint by writing, under his hand and seal, one judge, to hold the first election, and name a place for holding said election, having first given ten days notice, who shall keep the polls open from ten o'clock in the morning until three in the evening, and shall conduct the said election in the manner in which the judges of elections are now by law directed to hold and conduct elections for delegates to the General Assembly, as far as may be consistent with the provisions of this act, and the said judge shall make return, under his hand and seal, of the persons elected, to the clerk of the circuit court of Washington county, to be by him safe kept.

Appointment
of judge, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all future elections shall be held and conducted as shall from time to time be directed by the by-laws of the corporation, the same not being inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Future elec-
tions.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess shall preside at all meetings of the municipality, and have the privilege of the casting vote only, and in his absence the assistant burgess shall preside, under the same restrictions, but when the burgess is present the assistant burgess shall have the same power and authority as one of the commissioners.

Burgess to
preside at
meetings.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the burgess and commissioners aforesaid, or a majority of them, may meet together from time to time, as often as occasion may require, upon the business of the town, and not less than once in every three months; and if during the year for which they may be elected, the burgess, assistant burgess or any of the commissioners should die, resign, remove from said town, or be non compos mentis, or displaced, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held by giving at least ten days notice, at which all persons qualified as is specified in the second section of his act, shall be entitled to vote.

Vacancy—
how filled.

Meetings.